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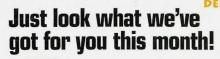
# Catch

o, they're back. Just as smug know-it-alls began whispering about the death of Pokémon, Gold and Silver arrive and shift 1 million copies in just two days on sale in Europe. That's almost six games sold every second - which makes Hear'Say look like a band of struggling part-timers playing the odd gig in deserted pubs.

Thankfully, Nintendo know better than to milk the Pokémon phenomenon dry with a release schedule full of unimaginative cash-ins - which is why Pokémon Stadium Gold/Silver, reviewed over on page 48, is such a joy. Watching Pichu, Togepi, Snubbull and co. leap out of the GB screen into rip-roaring 3D battles on the N64 is a giddying experience, and we've spent many a happy hour watching our hand-reared monsters suffer a bloody beating at the hands of Geraint's crack team of psychopathic Pokémon.

Also in this issue, we've given the Game Boy Advance Japanese launch line-up a good going over, netted the first N64 screens of Tony Hawk's 2 - and packed our bags ready to fly to the US and bring you a vatful of screens and info on the incredible Gamecube. Enjoy the issue - and turn to page 18 to find out why you must not miss the next one...

Mark Green **DEPUTY EDITOR** 



**GAME BOY ADVANCE** 

The launch games reviewed - and you NINTENDO 641 O GAME BOY! O GAM can win them!



Back from the dead, and looking 'well ill'

#### **DESTINATION: GAMECUBE**

Find out what next-gen goodies we'll be bringing back from LA's E3 game expo.



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#### POKÉMON STADIUM G/S

More 3D monsterbattling on your N64? Yes, please

#### ALONE IN THE DARK

Eye-popping visuals on the GBC - find out how it plays.









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#### **WANT MORE NEW GAMES?**

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**INFO BURST** 

TONY HAWK'S 2 FROM: Activision CART SIZE: 256Mbit HOW MANY PLAYERS: 1/2

CONTROLLER PAK: Yes EXPANSION PAK: Yes

RUMBLE PAK: Yes TRANSFER PAK: No

Nenice Beach isn't the easiest of levels, but it offers stacks of big-scoring opportunities.

> Use the cash you earn to upgrade your chosen pro's strengths, board and repertoire of general tricks – or buy special moves.

As with TH1, some of the arenas are at competitions, where the all-out near-perfect runs you'll need to turn in offer a break from the numerous V smaller tasks on other levels.



← The trick totals are way up on TH1, and should leave even real-world skaters spoilt for choice. Eggplant, anyone? Benihana?









Go on – try to link this tailslide to a grind on that fence ahead. Points mean prizes. Sort of.

Bonuses are plentiful, including the smile-inducing Car Plant from the previous game.



# back to the grind

ot since California Games in the 1980s has an 'extreme sports' title caused such a stir. The popularity of Tony Hawk's has been evident on nearly very pleasant surprise to discover that the import specialists' release schedules.

improve the various stats of your chosen skater This adds a certain element of strategy to Tony successfully into an extreme sports game to date.

unlock, as well as secret areas and characters to uncover - one of which is a certain blue-and-red lycra-clad web-slinger. And the excellent multiplayer games make a welcome return. including the hilarious Horse – a ridiculously competitive turn-based game where the loser faces

Career mode, a little too easy in the LIFESPAN original, is now jam-packed with extras to make the single-player longer lasting.

need to open up later levels. Collecting money will also enable you to upgrade your board, learn new tricks of which there are now hundreds—and

yourself, too, for the split screen free-skate, where two of you can practice linking killer combos before you compete. That's all in addition to the tried-and-tested Trick Attack and Graffiti modes, carried straight over from the original Tony Hawk's.

All that not enough for you? Wait 'til you get a load of the skatepark editor. You'll be able to create an all-new skating arena, with any layout you like, and as few or as many ramps, rails, curves and

TO BE CONTINUED... More info on THPS2 just as soon as it busts its way into the office.



Manuals (wheelies to us mortals) let you link tricks into massive lines for serious pointage.

even more challenge, upping the stakes for any TH multiplayer tournaments you have in mind. All in all, then, Tony Hawk's 2 is shaping up to

the prequel - like real-time FMV footage - have

for a less flashy front end. Watch these pages

in the US this summer. 'Check it y'all'. Ahem.

closely for the first review when it's released

gone, but the host of additions more than make up

#### SHIGSY'S CUDDLY ADVENTURE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!







utterfly-catching? Furniture-shopping?
Dogs playing guitars? Yes, it's tricky to
get excited about Animal Forest. Until,
that is, you learn that this is a product of
Shigeru Miyamoto's fevered brain – a lump of grey
jelly that's churned out at least 117 of the greatest
ideas in videogaming history.

Admittedly, some of Animal Forest's ideas seem suspiciously similar to those dreamt up by Natsume for the acclaimed Harvest Moon series of farm-'emups. The aim, simply, is to live your life. Whether that entails felling trees and flogging the logs to the locals, or lounging around your bedroom playing Donkey Kong on your home arcade machine, is entirely up to you. But there are rich rewards on offer for getting off your backside – fishing, catching insects or delivering parcels for your furry buddies will net you a pocketful of cash, which you can spend on new chairs, cabinets, curtains and CD players for your virtual abode.



# tree-mendous

It sounds like one for the kids – but Shigsy intends the whole family to enjoy Animal Forest. With four save slots on the cart, not only can mum, dad and the kids all explore the gloriously detailed surroundings separately, they can also leave things for the others to find. There's a

The menagerie of creatures in Animal Forest is quite a sight – cows, pelicans, monkeys, bears, pigs and even, for some inexplicable reason, something with a pumpkin for a head. With bucketfuls of text stored on the massive cart, it's possible to have lengthy conversations with them all – although this

MASTERY With four save slots on the cart, mum, dad and the kids can all explore the detailed surroundings separately...

message board in town where notes can be pinned up, and the friendly duck in the post office will gladly pass on a gift, be it a pwetty flower or a brand new electric guitar. The CPU-controlled residents of the forest will also respond well to prezzies – and if you're feeling really nice, you can take an animal friend on holiday to a mate's Animal Forest cart using a Controller Pak.

is Nintendo's most Japanese-saturated game to date, so expect to be mystified if English is your only tongue. Be warned, too, that the game's Pokémon Gold/Silver-style temporal authenticity (where the time and date in the game matches real life) means you might be sitting up in your jimjams 'til all hours in order to catch

sight of some of the shier animals.

Perhaps the best thing about Animal Forest, though, is that the cutesy character you control is fully customisable. Lime green hat and stripey red socks? No problem. Scary spiral eyes and the traditional dress of the Netherlands? Certainly, sir. And fashions change as the seasons roll by, so you can access a wide variety of woolly hats in winter, and a snazzy T-shirt or two when the sun has got its hat on.

Sounds great, no? And it's gracing the shelves of Japanese game stores as we speak – so prepare for our giant import review of Animal Forest in the very next issue. Lovely.

TO BE CONTINUED... Form a queue outside N64/56's Import Arena for Animal Forest.

# PLANETO

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# Gamecube delay made official.

Console slips in US, Japan – but not UK.

ust days before the E3 games expo in Los Angeles (see page 18), and two months away from Gamecube's original July Japanese launch, Nintendo President Hiroshi Yamauchi has confirmed the next-gen machine will not arrive on time.

Blaming delays in factory production, Yamauchi announced that Gamecube will now reach Japanese stores on 14th September with such a specific date suggesting that no more delays are likely. In the

△ Shigeru Miyamoto – let's hope he gets those games finished pronto.

US the launch date has shifted from October to mid-November. The UK's 'Spring 2002' remains unchanged.

Ironically, in an interview published in Japanese magazine nDream a week prior to the announcement, Nintendo of Japan Director Satoru Iwata laughed off rumours of a delay. "We've had bad experiences in the past announcing things early and then having to change our plans," he admitted. "So we've decided to stay quiet this time."

As with the launch of N64, which was delayed to allow Nintendo time to finish Super Mario 64, the release date of Gamecube hinges on one man - Shigeru Miyamoto. The twomonth delay gives him valuable time to complete whatever games he's rustling up for Ninty's new box of tricks. But if Mr Iwata's interview is anything to go by, things could still be very tight.

"Mr Miyamoto is under serious pressure," he admits. "He often calls the factories to find out the last possible day to submit a game without delaying its release date. Literally, he would be changing things at the last minute. The programmers and debugging team would plead with him not to do it, but it's that kind of attention to detail that makes his games classics.'

Nintendo are already making preparations for Gamecube's launch including hiring a former hacker to help market both GC and GBA. Mathew Bevan, aka 'Kuji', has been employed by Ninty to kickstart a 'viral marketing campaign' - using clever Internet strategies to encourage people to spread Nintendo's message themselves by word-of-mouth and email. Bevan was accused, but not convicted, of hacking into US Air Force computer systems in 1997. Now a security consultant, his talent is also being employed for marketing purposes by Channel 4's digital channel, E4.

But specific details of Nintendo's marketing for Gamecube, along with ✓ Nintendo's new box slips back a little. Sob.

all aspects of the machine, will remain a mystery until Wednesday 16th May, the first day of E3. Satoru Iwata hinted at tweaks to the machine's joypad design, but otherwise would only report that "there will be playable demos"

We'll be bringing you all the news from the E3 expo in the very next issue. Jump to page 96 to ensure getting your copy, or risk missing out.



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### SHORT GUIS



#### GBC + PS2 = ?

Finally, Sony's black DVD player is being put to good use with a Game Boy Color emulator, courtesy of Datel. Game Studio will be able to enhance GBC and GB graphics, and comes packaged with eight titles, mostly from the budget range that Datel themselves have published, including ATV Racing and Painter. They're discussing the idea of a Game Boy Advance emulator, but we'll happily munch on our headgear if this happens.

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Ever the wacky japesters, Ninty posted an April Fool press release on their website to wind up the likes of us. They announced an MP3 player add-on for the N64 in all seriousness, featuring Mario in dreadlocks and Donkey Kong in a tutu. Apparently the device will feature an asymmetric partialregister instruction language and fully oriented omni-logic, plus 70 minigames to keep the li'l 'uns happy. 70 minigames, you say? Ah, that'll be Mario Party 3, then. i altogether more serious matching

#### STADIUM

The daughters of boxers Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier duked it out with a Pokébattle at a recent charity bash for the Boys' & Girls' Club of Hollywood. Laila Ali and Jacqui Frazier, themselves both successful boxers, went toeto-toe with Pokémon Stadium 2 at the event held at the Club. which coincided with the game's American launch. In June, however, the pair will meet in an

when they are scheduled to fight in New York. Much like her father, Jacqui Frazier beat Ali after a long and hard-fought battle, in case you're interested.





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#### GBA launches sky high.

ome things just make you want to emigrate, don't they? Like lines of cheery Japanese folk lined up outside Tokyo's electronics stores, waiting for their GBAs. As expected, all of the 650,000 units vanished from shelves like warmed products from a bakery. By now, the tally is set to be well over a million.

Interestingly, Nintendo have announced that the US allocation of units will be slashed by half to 500,000 for launch day, which has prompted some people to speculate that this is in order to guarantee Europe a cool one million GBAs.

In Japan, the most popular colour by far was Milky Blue. However, shoppers found peripherals in short

supply, with only the officially licensed stuff freely available in decent quantities. Power packs are exceedingly scarce, which will help Ninty's old chums Panasonic, who made the batteries included.

The games have gone down a treat, too. Mario Advance shifted all its 159,000 copies in a couple of days, with the other main titles doing between 30,000 and 80,000 in the first four days. Great stuff.

The videogame industry in general was impressed by the launch. Senior Analyst Lisa Spicer of corporate and investment banking firm ING Barings in Tokyo commented, "The success of Game Boy Advance is a no-brainer, as there is no real competitor." And by the time you read this, there'll already

Japan's gone mad for GBA and it's only just over one month 'til the UK release!

be a new colour on sale: quite a tasty Milky Pink. It'll retail for exactly the same as the other three, but there's no news yet on whether the pink 'un will ever be seen outside Japan. A definite consideration for the collector, we'd say.





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There really is a remarkable wealth of stuff we've got hanging around the office, like some rare SNES posters, back issues of the mag, loads of copies of the excellent book Game Over by David Sheff, toys and so on. A great haul for anyone wise enough to attend. The great sell-off will start in mid-May at

www.futureauctions.co.uk, so check there for full details, including which charities will benefit from your buys.

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#### DO THE PELICAN

Third-party hardware developers Pelican Accessories are set to produce peripherals for Gamecube for the machine's launch. Said Chris Richards, company President, "We want to be fully prepared to support Gamecube... with a complete line of fully compatible, high quality accessories that expand and improve upon the gaming experience". More on Pelican's efforts nearer the time.

#### **SNK SUNK**

Fighting-games specialists SNK, who recently had some success with the Neo Geo Pocket Color handheld, have filed for bankruptcy. Their debts are said to be around ¥38 billion (about £213 million), which means the only real rival to GBA is now officially sunk. There's still the enigmatic Red Jade and some potential other offerings from mobile firms, but GBA will surely rule. Good news, but spare a thought for the dearly departed...

#### **ADULT PHONE** SERVICES

Ninty are gearing up to tailor their Japan-only Mobile GB system to older users with some mature games. Realising that poor sales (around 80,000 to date) of the system are because kids don't own mobiles (well, duh!), the Big N have a horse-racing title, a golf title and similar carts on the way. You can get a taste of such fare with our Napoleon review on page 32. Nintendo will also make sure more stores sell the add-on.

#### **SQUIRRELS** AT PLAY

The Conker's campaign of smut continues. This time, Nintendo have teamed up with Playboy to host a series of multiplayer challenges across the United States, with the prize being an invite to the Playmate of the Year party in Hugh Hefner's world-famous Playboy Mansion. At 20 college campuses, the Playmates have been on

hand to look after drunken fratboys as they set about blasting the Tediz et al to bits. Where will it all end?



# show

Nintendo make debut at top Japanese games expo.

or the first time ever, Nintendo have graced the annual Tokyo Games Show - held at the same venue as last year's Spaceworld extravaganza - in order to show the videogaming world the latest and greatest of Game Boy Advance.

The organisers specifically requested Ninty's attendance so that they could boast a handheld section, which would otherwise be mostly empty. Nintendo didn't do things by half, going all-out on what was

almost the show's biggest stand, featuring games from all the major GBA players. Namco, Hudson, Epoch, MTO, Capcom and the rest were on hand with most of the games the public wanted to see.

It's Mario Kart! In the palm of your hand. The stuff dreams are made of.



last seen at Spaceworld 2000.

Bomberman Story played

beautifully, Camelot RPG Golden Sun

There were 40 games in all, a healthy

showing indeed, even if it did include

only did it reaffirm their dominance of

the handheld market, but also proved

them willing to make large and

impressive showings at all trade

expos from now on. Bonzer.

Great news for Nintendo, as not

looked incredible, and Super Street

Fighter II Revival and Final Fight

One drew the old-school crowds.

Doraemon (shudder).

# Tokyo Pokémon banned

Saudi Arabia prohibits 'mon.

ell, it had to happen. Pokémon has been banned from Saudi Arabia. Claiming that the phenomenon has had a detrimental effect on the country's children, the Saudi Arabian Higher Committee for Scientific Research and Islamic Law has put its foot down.

Everything Pokémon-related is disallowed, as not only has it apparently "possessed the minds" of Saudi's kids, but certain cards are said to feature symbols that are taboo in fundamentalist Islam - like the Star of David (on Kadabra's head, presumably), associated with Zionism. Similarly, other cards apparently feature motifs

used in other belief systems. However, it is the card game itself something strictly forbidden to Muslims. "[They] spend all their money to buy the cards, and compete with each other to win more." he said. However, Nintendo have stated that its products are not religious and Pokémon cards aren't for gambling.

Other Islamic states like Malaysia may follow Saudi Arabia's fatwa, but Pokémon unites the world in drawing fire from across religious divides, including, as we reported in N64/53, from a Mexican priest who recently called for Pokémon dolls and magazines to be ritually burned at his parish church. Pikachu vs God this really is going to be a Pokébattle worth watching...

That little red star on Kadabra's head



Turn the page for our regular round-up of **Poké-related** goodies, plus the chance to win Pokémon mags and books!

Turn to this page every month for

# CELADON TIMES The Pika Paper for Pokémon! THE SECOND COMING



don't know how to make a big

splash, because that's exactly

what they did with the launch of

fresh back from Johto island itself

descended on a clutch of European

spangly goods into sweaty hands.

most successful videogame arrived

simultaneously in London, Hamburg,

Paris and Madrid to great fanfares and general rejoicing. In Blighty, passers-by

and assembled press hanging around the

cities in one fell swoop, delivering the

The latest instalment of the world's

Pokémon Gold/Silver over here. A team

All those Golds and Silvers. Mops were on hand to clean up the pools of drool collected.

The massive London Eye sees all in а печ Pokéworld.

Thames on the magical day of 6th April were stunned to see a convoy of three hovercraft with a fifteen-foot crate in tow, accompanied by

a helicopter, a truck and no fewer than twenty adventurous types kitted out like would-be Johto explorers. Presumably they were on hand to restrain the slavering masses and maintain order.

The contents of this crate were a secret prior to the event - all we knew was it'd be a whopping great mystery figure from Johto, carved (allegedly) from gold. Who was it? That was only unveiled when the convoy arrived on shore, having passed by the London Eye, the Houses of

And there he is! Elekid's a bit of a strange mascot for the games, mind.

Parliament and other such world-famous

landmarks. It was new 'mon Elekid, of course, and an overjoyed assembly was on hand to welcome the new creature to the UK. The kids were then amply rewarded with more copies of Pokémon Gold/Silver than you could shake a Shuckle at.

Across Europe, similar events were being held to celebrate the joyous arrival. In Paris, another curious Johto figure arrived at the Eiffel Tower, having been accompanied by three

military-style hummers. The whole procession did a tour round Paris, encompassing hot spots like the Champs Elysées. In Madrid, it was a similar story, with the parade ending up at the Central Station near the renowned Prado art museum.

German Pokéaddicts were treated to quite a show indeed. The package arrived in the port of Hamburg and continued its way through to the capital. Berlin. It was then loaded onto a land convoy made up of a lorry, some jeeps, outriders and vans, accompanied by another helicopter. That array of vehicles winged its way through the venerable city towards its final destination, the Potsdal Plaza

Great things are expected for Pokémon Gold/Silver, and that's hardly a surprise. In the US of A, it took the new batch only one week to rack up sales of 1.4 million copies, and there's no reason why the success

shouldn't be repeated over here. Good news, really. In the unlikely event you haven't picked up your copy yet, first get your head examined and then get down to the shops.



# YOUR MONTHLY ROUND UP OF ALL THINGS POKEMON!

#### POKÉMON: THE FIRST MOVIE

Viz Comics • \$3.95 Some genius at Viz Comics came up with the brilliantly simple idea of getting hold of the first Pokémovie and making it into a comic. However, there's one little problem with this formula. The books' creators seem to have simply taken images directly from the animated film and bunged 'em on the page, so it looks a bit like the movie's been run through a colour photocopier a few times. A bit shoddy, that. If you can stand the somewhat patchy quality, this set of two collector's items is quite enjoyable.

#### POKÉMON STICKERS

High St • £1.25 You'll find the usual suspects here from the first batch of 'mon, all very colourful, eyecatching and quite adhesive Take them out to play and they'll

sparkle in the warm glow of the daylight sun, too - just be careful not to accidentally blind passing pensioners with the reflected light. It's a typical Poképroduct: well-made,

good quality, but iust a little pricey for what you get. That said, when the stickers are gone there is a little cardboard thingy for you to to colour in. You could do

#### **CARTOON BOOKS**

Viz Comics • \$5.95 As Neil Diamond once sang, "We're coming to America!" Or we'd certainly like to if they have such treats as these original Mangastyle books on offer for the price of a movie ticket. They're

excellent black-

and-white

line drawings in the style of the best quirky Japanese stuff of which Kittsy is so enamoured. They follow Red - you might remember that's an alternative name for Ash in the original Pokémon - and as an added bonus you also get some tasty glossy stickers. Which is nice

#### **POKÉMON VIDEOS VOLS 586**

Warner Bros • High St • £9.99 each

Also available at £15 for a pair, these two videos of the TV show really belong together, as their storylines are linked. Thunder Shock sees Ash and chums squaring off against

Raichu and boarding the SS Anne for a quick pleasure cruise. However, by volume

six it's all gone a bit Titanic wouldn't you know. As ever, these are pretty enjoyable if you

haven't already caught them on telly. Best enjoyed on a sweltering Saturday afternoon with cheap fizzy pop and a handful of Flying

Saucers, if you happen to remember such things.

#### POKÉMON: THE **MOVIE 2000**

Warner Bros . High St • £9.99

It seems only yesterday that long queues stretched around the corners of Bath city centre as the

world waited to see Pika's new adventures and some lovely new 'mon in action. Pokémon: The Movie 2000 is an altogether

better effort than the original, which felt a little like an extended episode of the TV series. The

added feature - Pikachu's Rescue Adventure - is a much more rounded affair than Pikachu's Vacation from the previous movie, too. With a sneak preview of the third movie included, this is well worth considering

#### POKÉMON GAME

Nintendo • High St • £64.99

To celebrate the arrival of the beautifully spiffy Gold/Silver, Nintendo have issued a specialedition machine, much in the style

of their previous lovely efforts. This time around, the GB is a standard yellow, with Pika and Pichu prancing about around the edges of the screen gleefully. Closer inspection reveals a blue D-pad and red and green buttons. All of which is mighty nice,

but it's very hard to justify spending muchos dineros on a new Game Boy Color when a backwardscompatible Game Boy Advance is right around the corner at

a pretty comparable price.



much worse

than these

Like the look of those nifty books and comics above? Thought so. We have some copies to give away to the lucky contestant who can answer this little query:

Who voices Ash in the Pokémon TV series and movies? a) Veronica Taylor

b) Roger Taylor c) Dennis Taylor



Inscribe the solution on a postcard or similar device, add a stamp and bung it in our direction: 'I can read my ABC' Competition, N64 Magazine, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath, BA1 2BW.

Your answer much reach us no later than 18th June 2001, and we'll accept no more than one entry from each household. Cheers



# Updating you on the N64 games of the future

**PICS NEW PICS NEW PICS NEW** 

How many tracks? Ten, and Vatical are promising shortcuts and secret areas to entice you back to the water after you've finished the main championship.

And craft? Eight officially licensed Seadoo PWC jetskis. The riders are all able to pull off some death-defying stunts, too - so there'll be plenty of opportunity to taunt your foes in the multiplayer.



And...?

That's about it. Possible UK release, but by the time it arrives we'll probably all be too busy with import copies of Wave Race GC to notice...

#### **INFO BURST**

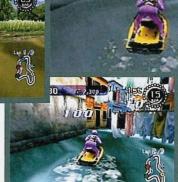
#### SEADOO HYDROCROSS FROM: Vatical CART SIZE: 128Mbit HOW MANY PLAYERS: 1-4 CONTROLLER PAK: Yes **EXPANSION PAK:** No RUMBLE PAK: Yes TRANSFER PAK: No

WHEN'S IT OUT?

TBA TBA ANTICIPATION RATING



Yep, it's Loch Ness, complete with monster. Ker-azy! Looks a little like Wave Race's Drake Lake, doesn't it?



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Antarctica. the penguins.

Venice, of course. Watch out for the washing...

#### Water performance from Vatical! (Sigh.)

ill Gamecube play host to Wave Race 2? Probably. But if you simply can't wait to get your hands on another round of foamy frolics, there is another option - in the shape of Vatical's ambitious Wave Race-alike Seadoo Hydrocross 2001.

Brought to you by Vicarious Visions, the team behind last month's deeply average Polaris SnoCross - and reusing that game's engine - Seadoo Hydrocross is a truly wild watery wonder. Forget Wave Race's authentic ports and beaches - the jetskis in Seadoo get to roar along

Venetian canals, around Loch Ness (complete with monster), over Antarctic ice sheets, and, in a bizarre Bad Fur Day-style turn, through the flowing filth of Paris' network of sewers. That could be a signal that Seadoo will be taking itself a little less seriously than Nintendo's racer.

It's unique stuff, but whether Vicarious can replicate Wave Race's sublime handling and near-perfect course design is another matter entirely. Seadoo's out in the US right about now - read our verdict next month.



Points are pulling off fancy stunts.



## ONING SO

#### NEW PICS NEW PICS NEW PICS NEW PICS NEW PICS NEW PICS

### Power Pro Baseball 2001

#### Wave bye-bye to the big heads.

nd so the steamroller of big-bonced baseball brilliance lumbers on. The seventh of a series that's stretched across SNES and N64, Power Pro Baseball 2001 is the final outing for Konami's deformed sporting kiddies on Ninty's black box.

What's new? Hard to tell, though the in-game commentator seems even more excited than usual. New characters are a given, joining the likes of 'Mascara Boy' and 'The Inflatable Head Twins', as immortalised in Martin's review of *Power Pro 5* (N64/17, 78%). But it'd be wise to expect some attractive new stadia and a couple of new solo options to keep things interesting *sans* baseball-loving buddies, as well as CPU opponents who are slightly less cheatsome than usual.

Each new instalment in the *Power Pro* series proves a phenomenal success in Japan, with or without minor changes, so version 2001 should sell by the thousands. Expect our bemused review in **N64**/56's Import Arena.





∆ You can name your own big-bonced baseball bloke and fiddle with his stats. Comprehensive stuff and no mistake.

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#### Q & A

What's the appeal?
It's a lot to do with the immediately accessible controls – a simple tap of A to swing the bat, and a touch on the analogue stick to direct the ball's flight path – with R helping you whack it to kingdom come. Fielding is just as user-friendly, thanks to smart use of the C-buttons.

#### There's got to be more to it than that.

Yep. Recent editions of the game have included an ISS 2000-style RPG mode, where you control a team manager and try to guide your boys to victory. Unless you're fluent in Japanese, though, the story's bound to flummox – especially when the team is inexplicably kidnapped by a mad scientist.

#### What's next for Power Pro?

It's already a huge success on GB Advance – Power Pro GBA shifted 77,000 copies in its first four days on sale in Japan alone – and is a cert for GC.

# Derby Stallion 64



#### Why the long face?

his game may well have become something of a joke in the office, but the fact is the Japanese enjoy the goodly sport of horse racing. Which is why *Derby Stallion 64* will be appearing in shops there very soon indeed – though an absolute release date hasn't yet been confirmed.

It's a sim in the classic sense, allowing you to buy a horse, then spend hours working out an effective regime of diet and training, with the aim of entering your precious nag in a race for serious cash. Obviously, there'll be some betting, which could prove the most exciting aspect of the game. It's also the part that'll hopefully provide some sweaty, shouty multiplayer action. Four folk will be able to save their carefully-trained gee-gees and partake in a gentlemanly race or two.

We're looking forward to taking *Derby* Stallion 64 for a trot in the paddock soon.



DERE	RY STALLI	ON 64
FROM:	Media	Factory
CART SIZI	E .	96Mbit
HOW MAI	NY PLAYERS	S: 11-4
CONTROL	LER PAK:	No
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RUMBLE I	PAK:	//No
TRANSFE	R PAK:	No
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#### The racing sounds interesting.

Yep. The game will simulate the uncertainty of the real thing, featuring falls, injuries, soft-to-hard going and the like. Which should make it much more of a 'realistic' sim.



Similarly, there'll also be a healthy dose of luck involved, which will prevent your gimpish older brother running away with the loot every time in multiplayer.

#### Looks pretty.

Indeed. The gallopers themselves look good, though the real trick will be to animate them so they appear lifelike. That's a challenging job, since horses don't really like wearing those motion-capture suits covered in golf balls. We'll let you know how they've done in our review.

We've got a date with Ninty's next-gen console...

By Mark Green

he E3 games expo is nothing new – there's one held in the US every May. But this year's is different.

Because, in addition to all the latest N64 and Game Boy titles in attendance, there's something huge at the show – the Nintendo Gamecube, next-gen follow-up to the N64 itself.

E3's a trade-only show, so only videogame industry folk are allowed in to see and play Gamecube. Don't worry, though – we're not going to let you miss out on all the fun. We'll be jetting over to LA in May, wearing our legs out traipsing around E3, then bringing you every last drop of info on Nintendo's magical box o' tricks in the very next issue of N64. You'll get exclusive screenshots, mouthwatering info, and interviews with all the major players – including Shigsy – only in N64/56.

In the meantime, feast your eyes on the Gamecube story to date – and learn what we've got in store for you next month...

#### WHAT IS E3?

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It stands for Electronic Entertainment Expo (three 'E's, see), it takes place on May 17th-19th, and it's a vast convention centre filled with every videogame publisher and developer under the sun, all touting the consoles, games and peripherals they're readying for sale in the next 12 months. For Nintendo, that means Game Boy Advance

and – crucially – Gamecube, as E3 will see playable GC games rolled out for the first time.

Only industry folk are allowed into E3 – but that includes us, so we'll be playing every Gamecube game we can get our mitts on, and bringing you all the juicy pics and details next issue.

# G-CHEAP

### **GAMECUBE TO DATE**

It's all just hearsay so far - at E3, we'll uncover the facts.

#### THE LAUNCH

Gamecube is scheduled to hit Japan in Ju Nintendo pres Hiroshi Yamauchi recently month or two's delay might be needed to allow Shigsy to polish off his GC launch game. That could have a knock-on effect for the October 2001 and Spring '02 dates in the US and UK. Meanwhile, a 'massmarket' price for Gamecube has been a Ninty promise for months – sub-£200 is our bet – and rumours suggest the five GC colours revealed at Spaceworld have been whittled down to one –

What's at E3? Final launch date and price, plus first sight of Ninty's Xhox-kicking marketing campaign.

#### THE CONTROLLER

Some sources claim the controller design's been fiddled with since it was first unveiled at Spaceworld – the prongs lengthened for chubby US fingers, the 'springs' on the analogue shoulder buttons altered slightly. Whatever it looks like, sources report it's Nintendo's most intuitive joypad ever.

What's at E3? Our first chance to hold the controller, and find out if it really 'melts into your hand.'

#### **GBA LINK-UP**

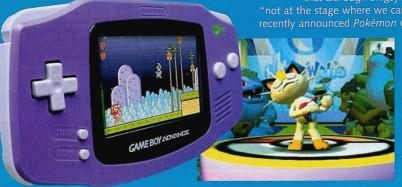
Game Boy Advance can plug into Gamecube, in order to act as an extra controller, swap data and so on – removing the need for a Transfer Pak-style add-on. There's bad news, though. intendo's PR Manager Yasuhiro Minagawa claims although Shigsy's working on the link-up, they're

recently announced *Pokémon GBA* will inevitably be joined by a GC equivalent of *Pokémon Stadium* at some stage – Nintendo will ensure Gamecube sells by marketing

be a while before we see anything. What's at EB? "Probably next year, we'll try out some GBA link-up titles," says Minagawa. So, nowt at the show.

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This demo was knocked up in a few days – the real GC Pokémon game will look even better.



#### Gamecube Expansion Pak?

An American website got their mitts on leaked development documents, which seemed to suggest that Gamecube's memory can be bumped up with the GC equivalent of an Expansion Pak – increasing the console's main RAM from 16MB to a whopping 48MB. If that's true, Gamecube will be 'future-proof', as expanded RAM means improved visual quality.

#### Sega on Gamecube?

Sega have revealed plans to bring a slew of games to Microsoft's Xbox, but – after we reported in N64/53 that Nintendo and Sega are rumoured to be working on a joint RPG for Gamecube – they're widely expected to gift GC with even more titles. "Expect to see announcements from

us with regard to Gamecube soon," say Sega PR chief Charles Bellfield.



A Rare are dropping plenty of hints about a possible Conker sequel...

#### **Conker on Gamecube?**

If you've bought and completed *Conker's Bad Fur Day*, you'll know that the ever-suffering squirrel finished the game drunk, tired, and lost – again. So, you might be

interested to know that Rare have trademarked the names *Conker's Other Bad Day* and (ahem) *Grabbed by the Ghoulies*, for a possible Gamecube sequel.

#### A dozen launch games?

Nintendo of America's
Vice President of
Marketing, George
Harrison, reckons that
there'll be at least 12
Gamecube games
available before
Christmas in the US.
Assuming the machine hits
America in late October,
that'll be twelve top-notch
Nintendo and second-party titles
in just under ten weeks. No N64style games drought this time
around, then...



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### THE DISCS

The move to cute mini-discs upset Mr Miyamoto, who fell in love with the instant loading times and theoretically limitless capacity of carts. But with a super high-speed disc drive, and tons of internal memory for Gamecube to store info, Shigsy reckons loading times will be minimal. Also key is Matsushita's 'anti-piracy' feature – Howard Lincoln claimed it would "stop the Chinese Government making illegal copies of our games" – which sounds like it could also prevent PAL Gamecubes playing NTSC

games for good.

What's at E3? The discs
will be locked securely in
the machines at E3, but
we'll report back
on those 'near
non-existent'
load times.

Howie's left Ninty now, but his legacy of revealing nothing lives on.

#### **ONLINE PLAY**

Nintendo have kept very quiet about the potential for an online multiplayer network for Gamecube, à la Sega's Dreamcast. But the add-on modem will be available at launch (the faster broadband modem will come later), several key Nintendo of America staff have been busy preparing the GC for a life online, and at least one of Retro Studios' games is rumoured to incorporate Internet play.

What's at E3? If Ninty want to compete with Xbox and PS2, online details *must* be revealed.

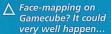


DC ChuChu – online console gaming in full effect.

#### THE PERIPHERALS

Aside from the fascinating Wavebird controller, a cordless joypad that uses radio signals to communicate with GC from up to 30m away, Nintendo have big plans for their memory cards. The bog-standard cards hold 16 times more info than an N64 Controller Pak, but the SD Adaptor is the really big news – allowing Gamecube to use Panasonic's SD Memory







Cards, which nold as much data as an N64 *cart*. That'll give Gamecube a 64DD-style rewriteable

#### **THE GAMES**

We're likely to be playing these at E3 - and bringing back screens and info just for you.



#### **Metroid 5**

Texas-based Retro Studios have been working on this for simply yonks – the game started life as A N Other first-person shooter, before netting Samus Aran as its star, and a more Zelda-like adventuring core.

Retro recently laid off staff, so we doubt development is proceeding apace. Playable at E3, though?

#### Luigi's Mansion

The stunning Spaceworld 2000 demo, which featured a horde of ghosts and a rather petrified green-hatted plumber, looked suspiciously like the intro cut-scene of a game currently in development. If Gamecube is to launch in Japan in July, Luigi's Mansion should be all but finished by E3 - so we'll have a slew of shots and info for you next issue.





#### Dinosaur Planet

We'd be very surprised if Rare's gobsmacking prehistoric marriage of Zelda and Jet Force Gemini is still heading to N64. Expect a nearcomplete Gamecube version at the show and possible confirmation of the rumour that the game's initial anime-style characters have been replaced with Fox McCloud and the rest of the Lylat Wars gang at Shigsy's behest.

#### **Eternal Darkness**

Another game that looks 99% certain to have been shunted over from N64 to Gamecube, Eternal Darkness is an extraordinarily epic RPG/adventure from newcomers Silicon Knights, which promises to take you on a mindmeddling trip through 2000 years of history. Again, this should be in all-but-complete form at E3, sharing a stand with other SK projects including Too Human.





#### Resident Evil Zero

Remember this? After Capcom switched development of this Nintendo-exclusive Resident Evil 'prequel' from N64 to Gamecube, it popped out of sight for good. Capcom promised months back that they would have the game finished in time for Gamecube's Japanese launch, so Nintendo should bag it in playable form for their stand at the show.



Originally destined for PlayStation, this vanished after Ninty bought a stake in Silicon Knights – then reappeared, in FMV cut-scene form only, at Spaceworld. It was 100% complete before it disappeared, so a finished GC version at E3 doesn't seem impossible.





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mini-DVDs for Gamecube. In return, Nintendo will will play audio CDs and DVD movies as well as What's at E3? The first unveiling of Matsushita's

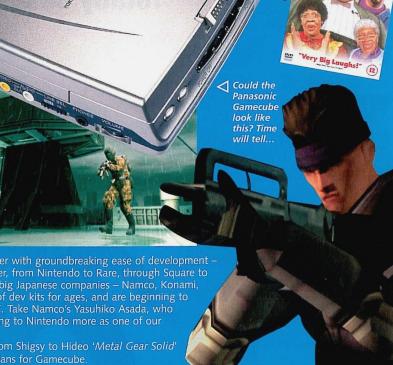


better than the N64's, according to reports.

What's at E3? Perhaps



What's at E3? Every developer, from Shigsy to Hideo 'Metal Gear Solid' Kojima, spilling the beans on their plans for Gamecube.





#### Race 2

Nintendo asked gamers about their favourite Wave Race characters via their website recently - so this does exist. Apparently being put together by Ridge Racer 64 helmers NSTC, Wave Race 2 promises watery effects to top the stuff on the Spaceworld video. Definitely playable, as a gobsmacking demo of Gamecube's powers.

#### 1080° 2

Still only a rumour, but Excitebike 64 coders Leftfield have been working on something for the past year or two - and Nintendo's website recently set the world abuzz by asking folk to name their favourite 1080° boarder. If GC arrives on time, this would be the perfect autumn/winter launch title.



#### Thornado

Battle For Naboo programmers Factor 5 started work on this next-gen update of classic shooter Turrican years ago. A beliefbeggaring cut-scene of game hero Thor running across an exploding bridge was submitted to Nintendo for Spaceworld, but never shown to folk there -Factor 5 will be itching to reveal this and at least one other

game at E3.

Too much to hope for?

Rare have already trademarked game names such as After Dark, Velvet Dark and A Shot In The Dark - and although Jo Dark herself popped up in a brief video snippet at the Spaceworld show last year, a Rare designer recently revealed that "If we make ... a sequel to Perfect Dark, it's entirely possible that Joanna will be nowhere in it." Cripes!



#### **ROLL VT**

Games so early in development, they're likely to be in video form only...

#### **Zelda GC**

The Gamecube version of Zelda is a long way off don't expect anything more than a short video snippet at E3.

#### Pokémon

Any big Pokémon announcements will be GBA-related, but Nintendo need to reassure gamers that GC will feature Pika and co.

#### **Star Wars**

LucasArts have something up their sleeves - possibly in conjunction with Factor 5 - but it probably won't be playable.

#### Mickey's Big Adventure

Rare have been contracted to create a Gamecube Mickey Mouse game for Christmas this year - first glimpse at E3, possibly?

**Robocop** Screenshots of Titus' nextgen first-person shooter have already been leaked by naughty French coders. Expect more on VT.

#### Mario 128

Why not, eh? We'd love another chance to see those 128 li'l fellas chuck boxes around and fall to their doom

#### WE'RE ALL PACKED.

Excited yet? After we've jetted to and from E3, we'll be filling N64/56 with every drop of GC info we can get our hands on – including the kind of delicious surprises that Nintendo pulls so well. Guarantee yourself a copy by sending off the form on page 96 quick-smart - you must not miss this.



#### **Totally obsessed?**







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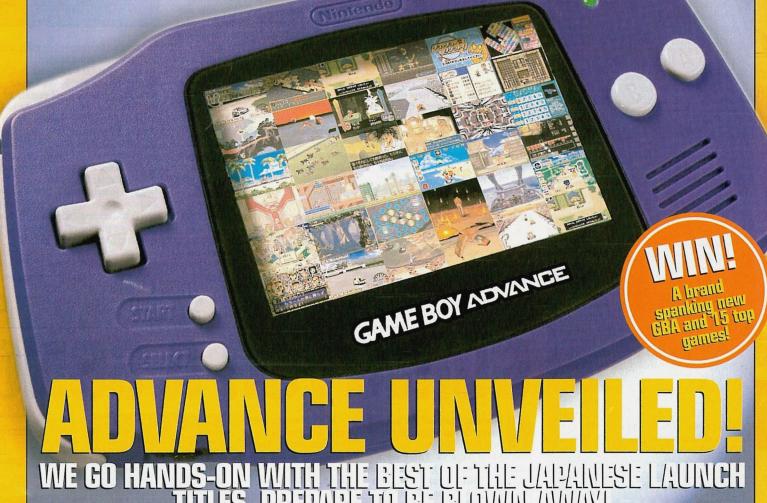
Game Boy Color reveals its hidden power. Find out the frightening truth in the first UK review.

The ageing classic makes a comeback on the small screen – but can it hack the pace in 2001?





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  Reviews of Super Mario and F-Zero Advance
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  We take a peek at GBC's new Marvel games



# come

n terms of handheld excitement,

this past month has

been one of the best yet. As you may remember, just as we finished up the last issue, we were lucky enough to get our anxious mitts on a Game Boy Advance - and, true to our promise, we've guarded it with our lives to ensure we could bring you the low-down on the best launch titles from Japan.

On top of that, our treasured GBA has managed to find itself three new mates to play with, pushing the joy potential through the stratosphere. Four-way GBA fever has gripped the office, and there's no sign of it letting up one bit. If ever you needed to gauge the impact of Nintendo's brand new handheld, all you have to do is walk through every office in N64 Towers. Around each corner and behind every desk there's at least one person hunched over, both hands twitching away in a desperate attempt to top someone else's Kuru Kuru Kururin time or boost their mouse quota in ChuChu Rocket!.

But, moving away from the Advance for a moment, what next for the GBA's 8-bit daddy? Four words for you: Alone in the Dark. You can witness quite possibly the most incredible feat of Game Boy Color programming since the nowdeceased Tyrannosaurus Tex over on page 34. But before you get there, turn your attention to a colossal eight pages on the biggest Japanese GB Advance launch titles - and find out exactly what all the fuss is about.

Geraint Evans, Editor

#### planet())) GAME BOY

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ith Game Boy Advance's US launch date of 11th June rapidly approaching, members of the press have been invited to playtest every launch game - including the new titles that will help America trump the clutch of superb games available for the machine's Japanese debut.

First up is a title we've had our eye on for quite some time now. Gameplay footage of Iridion arrived with us a while ago (see N64/52), and looked very promising. Now it's





As a US launch title, Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2 is going to help sell a truckload of GBAs

promising games.

got a publisher - US firm Majesco - and

looks even better. A super-fast intothe-screen 3D shooter (à la Lylat Wars), Iridion 3D sees you tearing through enemy-infested tunnels and swooping gracefully through clouds, taking out oncoming ships with your increasingly powerful weaponry. With a smooth and solid arcade feel to the whole experience, this is one of the more frenetic titles due out on GBA's Stateside launch day.

This next launch title's theme is more familiar - it's the GBA incarnation of Ubi Soft's most lucrative series, Rayman. Rayman Advance is, surprise surprise, a sideways-scrolling platformer, so expect plenty of collecting, stomping and jumping. But what separates

Rayman from its competitors - and the PlayStation game it's based on - are some staggeringly large and colourful visuals, plus super-smooth play. Whether or not there'll be enough innovation in this little cart, though,



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remains to be seen - but early signs are very promising indeed.

Last, but far from least, is Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2. We would have settled for a swift update of the GBC Tony Hawk's, but Activision have surpassed themselves with a slick, speedy skater that uses isometric versions of the PlayStation levels to create the GBA's best visuals to date. Play is typical TH - tricking over obstacles, knocking down targets, searching for hidden items and developer Vicarious Visions have given the controls special attention, to ensure pulling off all those ollies, flips and airs is as easy as pie.

The best news is that all three games, along with most of the US GBA line-up, should be ready for June 22nd's UK launch, too. Check out the full list of launch games on page 33.

# GUING FOR A SONG

intendo attended the annual Tokyo Game Show for the first time this year, as reported on page 11. There wasn't much in the way of groundbreaking new GBA software, but there was one surprise - the tentatively-titled Game Boy Music.

Game Boy Music appears to be a combination of 'rhythm game' think Parappa the Rapper or Beatmania - and music creation software. In one mode, up to four players can hammer at the GBA's buttons in time with a wide variety of compositions - from classical pieces to axe-heavy rawk nightmares - in an effort to outdo one another's sense of musical timing. The other Game Boy Music mode allows you to produce your own tunes, courtesy of a cartful of authentic samples of real-life instruments.

Interesting stuff - and even more so when you consider that the £30odd package comes complete with a stereo cable and speaker to amplify the GBA's usually quietish sounds. Japan should see this oddity arrive in September.



makes using GBM

It works much







We had a bit of a shufty at this a little while ago and we were hooked. Top stuff – bring it on!

### planet ))) NEWS

# LAST ACTION HEROES Like Blad much, m more ref

hey might have what's rumoured to be the GBA's best game – in the shape of *Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2* – but Activision aren't giving up on the Advance's chunky daddy just yet.

Of their three upcoming Game Boy Color games, Commander Keen looks the most intriguing. Originally released as a PC title in the early '90s, Commander Keen was one of the first games from iD Software – the Texan coders behind Doom and Quake. It's best described as a Metroid-style adventure, combining liberal doses of platforming and shooting, and starring "the eight-year-old kid genius alter-ego of Billy

Blaze". The GBC version looks suitably bright, with the Mars-based environments daubed in the kind of psychedelic colour that the diddy handheld does so well, and packed with "puzzles, slime pits and magical platforms". Can't wait.

Meanwhile, Activision have turned to the world of comics for Spider-Man 2 and X-Men: Wolverine's Revenge. Spidey's based on Peter Parker's search for his kidnapped nan of all things – and pits you against Scorpion, Doctor Octopus, Sandman, Mysterio and the rest of the bunch in a sidey-scrolly stylee. Gratifyingly, the range of moves on offer is straight out of the comic books – you can

climb the walls and trap enemies with your wrist-based web-spitter – and the non-stop baddie-baiting action looks like being the perfect complement to the above-average N64 Spider-Man title (N64/51, 78%).

X-Men uses a similar idea, but this time the hero – Wolverine himself – is after the suitably-named Lady Deathstryke, who's laid her clammy fingers on a 'molecular destabilizer'. Expect four levels of side-scrolling punching, kicking and object collecting, with pleasingly comic book-style visuals.

We'll have reviews of all three Activision titles next issue, close to their June launch.



# MARIO KART

wait for the joy triple red shells bring.

# ADVANCE Parse mention of Mario Parse mention of Mario

parse mention of Mario Kart Advance of late might have led you to believe it's stranded in development hell. Nothing could be further from the truth – it's almost done, and ready to roar onto Japanese GBAs this year.

Since we last played it at the ECTS trade show last September, MK Advance has quadrupled in quality from sheer magnificence to utter perfection. The visuals are now the



A blend of SNES and '64 influences, GBA MK is going to clean up.



spitting image of *Mario Kart 64*'s, the controls
have been polished to

match the bouncy brilliance of the original SNES version, and – best of all – Ninty have squeezed the fantastic balloon-busting battle mode onto the cart. Just imagine four players, each with their own screen, pelting around a track with shells, banana skins and magic stars to hand. This is going to be something very special.

Recently-released screenshots have also unveiled a host of new tracks, including a MK 64-style race around a sun-kissed beach, complete with those pesky wandering crabs. In fact, every new picture of Mario Kart Advance reveals something spinetinglingly exciting about the game – the finished cart can't arrive soon enough...

### TDK GIVEAWAY!

he folk at TDK Mediactive really are a generous lot. After giving away a sackful of games last issue, they've delivered another box of free GBC titles for this month's compo. This time, there are five copies of Elevator Action and five copies of the cuddly Rainbow Islands to win. To enter, answer this simple teaser:

Who is the brother of Rainbow Islands' Bub?

a) Bib b) Bob c) Beb

Know the answer? Scribble it (legibly!) on the back of a postcard and post it to: Rainbow Ride, N64 Magazine, 30 Monmouth St, Bath, BA1 2BW

Entries should reach us no later than Monday 18th June.



# planet<sub>GBA</sub> (D)) REVIEW

Five Star Scoring

A simply fantastic game, and an essential purchase

look, this is an excellent title.

Some problems, but almost certainly good fun



Flawed. Probably not worth bothering with.

**ULTIMATE BUYING** 



# PARTE PAY ANIAN

ow we've had a full month to grapple with
Nintendo's new pocket monster, it's time for
a rundown of the machine's best and
worst bits, plus reviews of the cream of

#### THE SCREEN

the Japanese launch titles. More importantly, flick forward a bit for the chance to win a GBA with a full complement of launch titles. Cripes!

Despite boasting some impressively clean and crisp visuals, we've found that the GBA's screen is subject to some glare, which might make playing it on a train or the like a

a bit hard to see in low light – although we know of some GBA lights that'll be coming out from the usual reputable suspects...

little tricky. Also, it can be



#### THE BUTTONS

The Advance is designed with an instinctual understanding of the human hand, but some nitpickers have pointed out a couple of things that a few people might find irksome in the long term. Firstly, our oversized Western hands might get a little cramp if you press the buttons with the point of your thumb rather than the pad, which otherwise might muffle the speaker a bit. Also, the shoulder buttons have a bit too much give and Select is curiously below Start. But that's all trifling stuff. GBA feels completely organic and easy to use.

#### THE LINK-UP

The purple end of the link cable goes into the 'host' machine, which then usually decides game options and so on. If you're only playing with GBA's magical 'One Cart, Four Players' option, the host machine is the one that has to have the cart in it – then all you have to do is switch the other empty Advances on, and they'll spend a few seconds downloading the necessary data. If you're thinking of using your old Game Boy link cable, mind, it'll only work with previous-generation Game Boy games.

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All the promises of extended battery life are holding true, but one thing surprised us. While Mark was engrossed in one of his epic Kuru Kuru marathons, the little green 'Power' LED turned red. indicating that he only had about three or so hours of play left from the 15 hour total. Handy, and the light gradually fades as your batteries run out. It couldn't get any better without running on unseen mystical energies or oxygen.

# Super Advance Nario Advance Save: On-cart Players: 1-4

Single cart link-up: Yes Out: Now (Japan); 22 June (UK)

o Nintendo console launch would be complete without a Mario title grabbing onto its coat tails - and more to the point, nothing's quite as exciting as the prospect of a brand new Mario adventure. So it's with some annoyance that the awesome GBÁ arrives with nothing more than a reworked combination of two of Mario's poorest manifestations.

One half of Super Mario Advance is Super Mario USA - essentially the NES Super Mario Bros 2, bar enemy placement and some random extras like the pots which litter each level. Gameplay-wise, you scamper from left to right or top to bottom through each level, collecting coins and disposing of enemies with the plethora of turnip-like vegetation growing out of the ground

The cart's other game, Mario Bros, is a direct port of Shigsy's arcade original, which has you leaping around each enclosed arena, bashing Koopas from beneath and disposing of them with a boot up the backside. Thankfully, GBA MB improves on its archaic template, with visuals that have been spruced up to SNES standard, and the awfully slippery 'handling' of the Bros duly rectified.



A Birdo, the game's boss, is history after three hits.

> Mario Bros is at its toughest on the slippy-slidey icy levels.



So, two games in one can't be bad, can it? Well, no, and there's a whole lot of fun - and more importantly, challenge - to be had here. Platforming enthusiasts would have to be very pessimistic in order to be disappointed, as both games require those grassroots gaming skills which made the originals so endearing. Unfortunately, though, compared to the likes of SNES Super Mario World, the two titles are a little lacking. The levels aren't quite as expansive as we'd like, and while hunting for the five special coins hidden on each level requires a degree of exploration, the map design isn't quite as refreshing as previous Mario games.

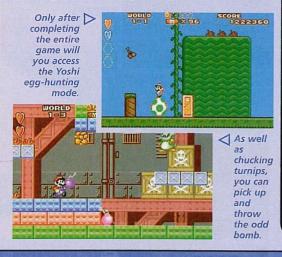
Still, maybe those faults are more a

sign of the games' ages than anything else. And Mario Bros does implement a highly addictive fourplayer link-up option, which sees each player trying to out-Koopa their opponents by tearing round the screen like a loon, while simultaneously trying to dump said rivals in a dustbin sitting at the centre of the screen.

All in all, then, Super Mario Advance is a very competent package. It's unlikely to have you wetting your pants with excitement, but it's a worthy first step for the moustachioed marvel onto Nintendo's funky little handheld. Neat.

#### SPEAKER

Sound is what'll strike the senses first when you switch the diddy machine on. The Advance is capable of some incredible stuff, from the multi-layered thumping dance tunes of F-Zero to haunting choral melodies heard in Castlevania. However, you would be well advised to invest in a decent pair of headphones - they enhance the aural experience incredibly.





As veterans of Super Mario Bros 2 will know, it's not just the brothers who are playable characters here. Both Toad and Peach are also selectable, and have various strengths and weaknesses, including superjumping and crazy speed. Each character also has a wide range of speech samples to offer, and you'll hear them babbling and chattering their way past every enemy beaten and item collected - very cute stuff indeed.

### planetgba O)))REVIEW

# F-Zero Advance

))) From: Nintendo Price: ¥4,800 (around £30) Save: On-cart Players: 1-4 Single cart link-up: Yes Out: Now (Japan); 22 June (UK)



∆ Jump pads are common – and by picking up speed, you can use them to take shortcuts.

an alive, this is fast. If you doubt the sheer power of Game Boy Advance, screaming around a hairpin bend at 600kph with the throaty roar of your futuristic craft's boosters in your ears should set you right.

But F-Zero Advance isn't simply a chance for Nintendo to ram the technical superiority of their new handheld wonder down gamers' throats. It's also a racer par excellence - a perfectly-balanced speed thrill that takes the best of its SNES and N64 daddies and marries them to some breathtaking track design, creating what is probably the

Advance's most compulsive launch game.

The secret of developer NDCube's success-is their attention to detail in F-Zero Advance's handling. The system they've conjured up is off-putting at first trying to hug a corner while simultaneously holding L to slide and tapping at A to avoid skidding out of control is the GBA equivalent of rubbing your stomach and patting your head at the

same time. But, typically for a Ninty racer, steering your Falcon Mk II, Stingray or (ahem) Dirty Joker soon becomes second-nature, and cutting up the CPU racers on the inside of turns or screaming past them over the finish line is an adrenaline-soaked reward for your efforts.

In addition to being fast, F-Zero Advance is tough. Even when you've got your head around taking corners at approaching the speed of sound, and learned to avoid the bombs that inexplicably litter the final lap, every chequered line crossed is an achievement. Sadly, in common with seemingly every Nintendo racer, that's largely on account of outrageous cheating on the part of the CPU-controlled racers - no matter how many corners you cut, how many shortcuts you exploit, or how many slower craft you deftly overtake, the guy in second place will be right behind you.

Screaming rage is the result, and the further you progress, the worse it gets, until victory on Master difficulty relies on blind luck rather than any skill on your part. Make no mistake - F-Zero Advance's nearflawless tracks, handling and sense of speed will still draw you back time and again. But a game that so cruelly belittles any improvement in your racing performance is very lucky to be awarded that magical fifth star.

All that aside, though, F-Zero is a sparkling cart. Importers are encouraged to go, go, go - just have a few guid on standby for when the CPU racers finally drive you to smash your sparkling new GBA to pieces.

The purple strips are speed boosts - hit them V square on and you'll rocket away at 700kph.



Dangerous crossroads like this are tena-penny in F-Zero Advance. Crash into a rival and your race will be scuppered.





As well as the expected time trial modes, there's a mysterious ghost race to be found in F-Zero Advance which takes



place on just one unique track in the Synobazz area. Your first job is to beat the CPU racer - your own ghost will replace it from then on. But there's seemingly no reward for beating any particular time. What's going on?

Broken track saps speed - and hurts.

There are at least ten bonus craft to unlock. Lovely



 $\nabla$  collision will be enough to put you out of the race for good.



# planet<sub>GBA</sub> (D)) REVIEW

# Kuru Kuru Kururin

From: Nintendo Price: ¥4,800 (around £30) Save: On-cart Players: 1-4 Single cart link-up: Yes Out: Now (Japan); 22 June (UK)

t London's ECTS trade show last September, the one deserted area on an otherwise packed GBA stand was occupied by the lonely Kuru Kuru Kururin. On paper – and from the shots – this appeared to be the weakest of the GBA launch titles. How wrong we were.

The basic premise of *Kuru Kuru Kuruin* is very simple. Guide a slowly rotating stick around a maze, while ensuring you don't hit the sides or

One of the final levels – and what a nightmare it is.

∇ So many levels for such a cutesy little cartridge...



any other obstacles you may encounter. Complete the stage successfully and you move on to the next, more challenging level. That's it.

The visuals themselves – while not exactly pushing the GBA to its limits – have that typically garish, Japanese cuteness about them, as do the chirpy little tunes that accompany the action. But *Kuru Kuru Kururi* is all about sheer addiction – for some bizarre reason, you simply *have* to make it through the game. No matter how frustrated you get, you'll be unable to tear yourself away from each fiendishly difficult course, and finally completing a stage is enormously gratifying.

For that reason alone, *Kuru* warrants purchase. But the time trial



△ Those heart tiles replenish your health. They're a real lifesaver.

nature of the stages, coupled with the four-player link-up race option – with one cart – also means that you'll be plugging away at beating your own best times and those of your mates forever.

Basically, Kuru Kuru Kururin is an absolute must-have game on day one of GBA's existence. Superb.



Wai Wai Racing

))) From: Konami Price: ¥4,800 (around £30) Save: On-cart Players: 1-4 Single cart link-up: No Out: Now (Japan); 22 June (UK)



△ Slippy-slidey ice world complete with penguins? It's the law, see.

h, the irony. After years of developers fruitlessly trying to match the might of *Mario Kart*, Konami stroll in with an early GBA clone and nail it. Cheeky beggars.

Of course, with Konami's back catalogue being stuffed full of bizarre Japan-only titles, Wai Wai Racing's



Solid Circuit, style antics, but complete with with a Konami bent.

tracks and racers aren't as immediately loveable as Nintendo's – although the Metal Gear Solid circuit, complete with dance mix of that famously

tense theme tune, is a neat touch. But the controls, handling, weapons and track design have been ripped straight from SNES *Mario Kart* – there's even the ability to hop with GBA's all-new R button – and *Wai Wai*'s blessed by the second-hand spirit of Shigsy as a result.

The 16 lengthy and fast-moving tracks are less sparse than, say,

F-Zero's, with 2D trees, crates, bats and waddling penguins to veer around, and remarkable reflections and transparency effects on shiny surfaces. The course layouts aren't quite as accomplished as Ninty's – Konami relish slowing you down to a crawl with inexplicably large patches of gravel – but they're good enough to make time trialing a pleasure. And clever 'driving test' bonus games, like racing backwards around a track in under a minute, make the solo tournaments less of a chore.

Inevitably, then, Wai Wai shines in link-up mode, with tit-for-tat missile exchanges and frenzied final-lap jostling to rival Mario Kart 64. Even the bomb-tag battle mode and



△ Transparency effects on a handheld? Ooh, yes indeed.

Mario Kart's lightning bolt is replicated in Wai Wai – but it's a whole lot nastier.



bizarre 'Stop!' braking challenge are worth a go. But despite all that, we just can't give Wai Wai Racing top marks. That fifth star's got Mario Kart Advance written all over it...

# ChuChu Rocket!

From: Sega Price: ¥4,800 (around £30) Save: On-cart Players: 1-4 Single cart link-up: Yes Out: Now (Japan); 22 June (UK)

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△ You'll spend hours busily designing maps.

A multiplayer game in full flow. Simply superb stuff.

△ Don't let this Japanese screenshot fool you – full English is selectable at the very start of ChuChu Rocket!

o, here it is. A cartridge no bigger than your thumb, which brings with it the kind of revolution in videogaming that'll have 1990s gamers' eyes popping out of their skulls. A Sega game, from the team behind Sonic the Hedgehog – on a Nintendo console!

So, from the first moment – where the Nintendo, Sega and Sonic Team logos share the same screen – ChuChu Rocket! casts a magical spell. But even after the novelty of the Sega-Nintendo alliance has worn off,

there's enough quality pocket play here to keep Duracell's sales buoyant for months to come.

Like Kuru Kuru Kururin, ChuChu
– which first sprang to life on Sega's
ill-fated Dreamcast – is a simple idea
made terrifyingly addictive. It goes
like this: mice emerge from a hole

and run blindly around a top-down-viewed maze, only changing direction when they bash into a wall. Using up to three arrow tiles at a time, though, you can guide them into their waiting space rocket. Naturally, there's a hazard or two, including creepy orange felines who'll gobble any mice stupid enough to cross them. But those four elements – mice, arrows, rocket, cats – are all *ChuChu Rocket!* has to offer.

So, how does Sega's game burrow into your brain to the extent that you won't be able to sleep for seeing mice behind your eyelids? Simply, by twisting, exploiting and experimenting with the core idea to create a cart bursting at the seams with stuff to do. There's the simple mice-guiding Puzzle Mode with 4,000 challenges to try; a Stage Challenge where you'll have to rescue 100 mice or feed a hungry cat; an eminently usable create-your-ownpuzzle mode; the chance to make your mice look like cows, snowmen or anything else of your choosing; and tons more.



 △ The appearance of this box means there's a special multiplayer event about to occur. Prepare yourself...

Best of all is the link-up mode, a flawlessly-translated version of the Dreamcast's Internet-based multiplayer, which allows four GBAs to play with just one cartridge. It's not so much frantic as certifiably insane, with all four players battling to guide those little ChuChus into their base, and a plethora of random events – turbo-boosted mice, bases swapping positions, even creepier giant orange cats – that combine to create GBA's best multiplayer experience to date.

Great as the DC version was, then, ChuChu Rocket! seems made for Game Boy Advance.
Sega and Nintendo – long may they reign.









Presentation-wise, the GBA version of ChuChu Rocket! maintains the elegant style of its Dreamcast daddy, even down to

actually pretending you're 'online' for much of the game. Loading screens claim that they're 'Connecting!', and unlocked bonuses – such as cow-shaped ChuChus – appear in the 'Download Corner', ready to be 'transferred' to your machine. Sure to confuse a few GBA owners, all that.

# planetgea

# Advance GTA

From: MTO Price: ¥4,800 (around £30) Save: On-cart Players: 1/2 Single cart link-up: No Out: Now (Japan); 22 June (UK)



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opposition still works a treat.

 ☐ Time for a bit of a crazy powerslide, wouldn't vou sav? Lovely ..

emember all that hoo-ha ages ago about PlayStation-quality Gran Turismo-style graphics on Game Boy Advance? Well, here they are, almost. But is Advance GTA a delight to play?

Simply, yes. Each of the 46 (yes, 46) real-life cars behaves intelligently, sliding if you're silly enough to pelt it around with scant regard for road safety. You'll have to master the art of dabbing the brake then



and bright, it's one of the rightangled street courses. Tricky.

re-applying the gas to powerslide the car into chicanes and the like. Nice.

The first of the four difficulty settings is a doddle, but things quickly become a lot harder, making Advance GTA ideal for the sort of devoted motorheads who'll make the highly wise decision to import it. They'll also appreciate the twiddling you can do as you tinker with the brakes, filters and engine-management computers that become available as you progress through the championships.

Advance GTA is one of the few launch titles that really show off what GBA is capable of visually, in full 'Mode 7' 3D, with some impressively detailed motors. But an unexpected treat comes when you turn up the GBA's humble speaker and enjoy the different engine sounds of all the cars - in stereo through headphones- plus the odd thumpin' choon. Smart.



△ Jud and Steve fought to identify this car, the pitiful twonks. (It's a Nissan Silvia, by the way.)

As ever, there's the odd niggle, such as a low-slung camera that blurs the horizon a little, and you'll run into some near-invisible track boundaries - but these are soon overshadowed by the sheer quality and effort that's gone into Advance GTA, making it one of the best choices a potential importer could make. Oh, and you can go head to head, too ... It's the thinking man's Wai Wai Racing.

# Castlevania Circle of the Moon

))) From: Konami Price: ¥4,800 (around £30) Save: On-cart Players: 1 Out: Now (Japan); 22 June (UK)

hat's this? A 2D platformer? Have no fear, brave adventurer, since this comes from the highly respectable Castlevania stable, so you're bound to get more for your yen than the average numbingly dull Game Boy Color effort.

Your flaming whip should be a W match for old Orko here.



Fans of the series will be in instantly familiar territory, since Circle of the Moon looks much like its SNES counterpart, Super Castlevania IV, and as such features a degree of item management and magical doodlery. In fact, when you kill enough stuff you'll even go up an experience level, RPG-style, and there are power-ups that'll make your ubiquitous whip into a flaming lash, plus items to pick up and use at any time.

Also fairly standard platforming fare is the way you can chuck knives in an arc at the enemy or perform a sliding ground attack. Pleasingly, such moves can also be used to access new areas, so you'll often have to double back to explore the game fully.

What's more, Circle of the Moon doesn't lead you directly from room

to room - you'll have to consult a map to work out what to do next. All of which makes this a challenging and intelligent platformer with some inventively scary monsters and a choral 'Kyrie Eleison' intro that'll have your hair standing on end pronto.

Rest assured, Castlevania fans, Konami have not let us down a jot with this superb effort. It's very likely to tax you for quite some time, and if you don't mind missing out on the story too much, the language barrier won't prove

The numbers show how much damage you're doing. Like an RPG with attitude.

a problem.



Quite, sir. The old vamp hunter's companions have just vanished...

Bosses like this early horror abound, V each more impressive than the last.





# planetgea

# Napoleon



))) From: Nintendo Price: ¥4,800 (around £30) Save: On-cart Players: 1/2 Single cart link-up: Yes Out: Now (Japan); TBA (UK)

Come on boys, sic the big piece of pretentious sculpture! Have that!



Old Nappers commands his fleets from ashore, the old landlubber.

apoleon is the first in a batch of real-time strategy titles including Fire Emblem and Game Boy Wars Advance - the likes of which have previously been the domain of beardy PC owners. Typically, the Japanese have started

the GBA strategy ball rolling with a weirdly-conceived effort.

Unsurprisingly, you take the role of the diminutive French leader himself as he battles the forces of evil, namely the English, but also a barrage of man-eating ogres and yetis. So we're not quite in the realm of historical realism, then.

The simple, albeit fairly limited, controls have been pretty well sorted, allowing you to assign foot soldiers to follow one of your mounted generals into battle. You'll never see a mighty horde of troops swooping across the screen, but since there's no icon to drag and select your units, the system works fine. You trot around and assign units to their commanders,

then let them do battle and capture the base. Of course, there's more for you to do, like giving a flagging squad some moral support or healing a wounded warrior, for which you have a rechargeable 'SP' meter.

There is a fair amount of Japanese text - mostly smack talk between Napoleon and some evil Brit or the like - but a little intuition will allow you to decipher the controls easily, and so Napoleon ends up a decent game, as well as being the first GBA title

to use the Mobile Adaptor for online gaming in Japan. Worth considering





Another example of how beautiful GBA can be.

We didn't know Napoleon spoke fluent Japanese...



敵の正体をごそんじですか?

A screen full of coloured blocks -

now there's an original concept.

# r Driller

))) From: Namco Price: ¥4,800 (around £30) Save: On-cart Players: 1/2 Single cart link-up: No Out: Now (Japan); TBA (UK)

onami, Sega, Capcom - all the big-name Japanese developers are queuing up to snatch their slice of the Game Boy Advance pie. Ridge Racer supremos Namco are no exception, and, like Sega, they've chosen to bless GBA with a handheld version of a previouslyreleased puzzler.

Unlike ChuChu Rocket!, though, Mr Driller 2 seems to be trying a bit too hard to be the next Tetris. The concept's a similar one - match coloured blocks to make them disappear - but, in a fairly gimmicky turn of events, Namco hand you actual control of a little drilling fellow, who digs his way down into the well of rainbow-hued bricks. The idea is to reach the bottom, grabbing cylinders of oxygen as you go, and making the

blocks fall and match up without being flattened.

All fair enough, and the '50s-style cartoon cut-scenes that pepper the game help lend it a superb atmosphere. But there's little that is intuitive or gratifying about Mr Driller 2's puzzly play - it's fiddly and confusing, and as you're fighting against both a time limit and tumbling blocks from above, mightily frustrating, too. There's slightly more enjoyment to be had via a link cable, where it's possible to chuck oxygendepleting and screen-rotating powerups about to foil your opponent, but you'll need two carts to use it. Lazy coding, that.

Mr Driller 2 isn't the world's worst puzzler, but it's disappointingly dull up against the ChuChus and

A whole lot o' green blocks to match here. Get drilling!

Lookee! Look at the cute V little puppy! Hello, boy!



Mr Driller gets to travel all over the planet with his big drill. Lucky man.

Kuru Kurus of the GB Advance's world. We'd concentrate on Ridge Racer GBA if we were you, Mr Namco.







# planet<sub>GBA</sub> D)) PREVIEW

### GBA Release List

The cream of upcoming GBA titles...

#### Easy to spot UK release dates. Just look for the titles in a dark blue bar!

Game name	Publisher	Туре	Country
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Fire Pro Wrestling A	Spike	FGT	JAF
Golf Master GBA	Konami	SPT	JAF
J-League Pocket	Konami	RPG	JAF
Mega Man EXE	Capcom	SHT	JAF
Pinobee: Quest of Heart	Hudson	ACT	JAF
Power Pro Kun Baseball	Konami	SPT	JAP
Super Dodgeball Advance	Atlus	SPT	JAP
Top Gear All Japan GT	Kemco	RAC	JAP
Tweety and the Magic Jewel	Kemco	ETC	JAP
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Advance GTA	THQ	RAC	US/UK
Army Men Advance	3DO	ACT	US
Castlevania	Konami	ACT	US/UK
ChuChu Rocket!	Nintendo	PUZ	US/UK
Earthworm Jim	Majesco	ACT	US
F-Zero: Maximum Velocity	Nintendo	RAC	US/UK
Fire Pro Wrestling A	Spike	FGT	US
Iridion 3D	Majesco	SHT	US
Krazy Racers (Wai Wai)	Konami	RAC	US/UK
Kuru Kuru Kururin	Nintendo	PUZ	US/UK
Lady Sia	TDK	ACT	US/UK
Mr Driller 2	Namco	PUZ	US/UK
Pitfall	Majesco	ACT	US
Rayman	Ubi Soft	ACT	US/UK
Ready 2 Rumble Round 2	Midway	FGT	US/UK
Super Dodgeball Advance	Atlus	SPT	US
Super Mario Advance	Nintendo	ACT	US/UK
Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2	Activision	SPT	US/UK
Top Gear GT Champ	Kemco	RAC	US/UK
Tweety and the Magic Jewel	Kemco	ETC	US/UK

Game name	Publisher	Туре	Country
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Golden Sun	Camelot	RPG	JAP
Game Boy Wars Advance	Nintendo	SIM	JAP
Mega Man EXE	Capcom	SHT	US/UK
2001			CNE
Antz Racing	Empire	RAC	US/UK
Bomberman Story	Hudson	ACT	ALL
Breath of Fire Advance	Capcom	RPG	ALL
Choro Q Advance	Takara	RAC	JAP
Crash Bandicoot	Konami	ACT	ALL
Doraemon	Epoch	ACT	JAP
E.T.	NewKidCo	ACT	US
Final Fight Advance	Capcom	FGT	ALL
Fire Emblem	Nintendo	RPG	ALL
Flintstones	H2O	ACT	ALL
Fortress	Majesco	PUZ	US/UK
Golf Master GBA	Konami	SPT	US/UK
Harry Potter	EA	RPG	ALL
Jurassic Park III	Konami	ACT	ALL
Klonoa: Planet of Dreams	Namco	ACT	ALL
Mario Kart	Nintendo	RAC	ALL
Mat Hoffman Pro BMX	Activision	SPT	US/UK
Metroid	Nintendo	ACT	ALL
Ms Pac-Man Advanced	Namco	ACT	ALL
Namco Museum Advance	Namco	ACT	ALL
Pac-Man Advance	Namco	ACT	ALL
Puyo Puyo	Sega	PUZ	ALL
Sonic The Hedgehog	Sega	ACT	ALL
Spider-Man	Activision	ACT	US/UK
Super Mario World	Nintendo	ACT	ALL
Super Street Fighter II	Capcom	FGT	ALL

Game name	Publisher	Туре	Country
Tactics Ogre Gaiden	actics Ogre Gaiden Nintendo		JAP
Tetris Worlds	THQ	PUZ	US/UK
Thunderbirds	SCi	ACT	US/UK
Wings	Crawfish	ACT	US/UK
X-Men	Activision	ACT	US/UK
2002/TBA			N. L.
Creatures	Swing!	ETC	US/UK
Doom	Activision	ACT	ALL
E.T.	NewKidCo	ACT	UK
Futurama	Fox	ACT	US
Jet Set Willy	Jester	ACT	US/UK
Lego Bionicle	Lego Media	SIM	US/UK
Manic Miner	Jester	ACT	US/UK
Paradroid GBA	Jester	ACT	US/UK
Tekken	Namco	FGT	ALL
Spyro the Dragon	Havas	ACT	ALL
Super Mario Bros 3	Nintendo	ACT	ALL
Uridium	Jester	SHT	US/UK
Wario Land 4	Nintendo	ACT	ALL
Yoshi's Island	Nintendo	ACT	ALL
Yoshi's Story	Nintendo	ACT	ALL

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ACT	ACTION	RPG	ROLE-PLAYING GAME
FGT	FIGHTING GAME	SPT	SPORT
STG	STRATEGY	PUZ	PUZZLE GAME
SHT	SHOOT-'EM-UP	SIM	SIMULATION
RAC	RACING	ETC	MISCELLANEOUS

GAME BOY ADVANCE

# A GAME BOY ADVANCE AND 15 GAMES!

There's still time to enter our coruscating competition from last issue, with the chance to win a Game Boy Advance from CA Games (0141 334 3901) and the entire line-up of US launch titles. But you'll have to be quick – closing date is 22nd May. To enter, answer this question:

Which GBA title is based on an old NES game called Doki Doki Panic?



Remember to complete the tie-breaker, then send the form off to: GBA is AOK, N64 Magazine, Future Publishing, 30 Monmouth St, Bath, BA1 2BW.

#### THAT GBA'S MINE!

The answer to your pitifully easy question is:

deserve a GBA because: (15 words max)	My name is:  And I live at:
	Postcode

#### Five Star Scoring

A simply fantastic game, and an

Well worth a look, this is an

Some problems, but almost certainly good fun.



Flawed. Probably not worth bothering with.



Utterly lamentable. Avoid like the plague.



#### YOUR

You could easily mistake this for a Game Boy Advance title. The thought and effort bestowed on making Alone in the Dark look the business is quite incredible. The backgrounds are simply outstanding, featuring animated scenes with trees swaying in the wind and spooky silhouettes moving past the windows of the supposedly uninhabited mansion. This is the most atmospheric adventure the small screen has ever seen.





throroughly for any items or clues.



Take time to read journals and books for vital clues about the mansion's history





Right at the gates of the mansion. You've got a long way

# one in the Dark

**))) From:** Infogrames Price: £25 Save: On-cart Link-up: No Colour: Only Out: May

s there anything this 8-bit wonder can't do? If someone had shown us shots of this a year ago and told us it was a Game Boy Color title, we would have laughed them out of the office. And even if we'd believed them, we would have had serious doubts about the way the game played. But it seems that Pocket Studios are having the last laugh: this is one of the most technically impressive and utterly engrossing pieces of GBC software we've ever laid our hands on.

Taking control of Edward Carnby, you travel to a mysterious island after learning that your friend and colleague was murdered while investigating the spooky goings-on in a derelict mansion. With this sinister plot set in motion, you're plunged into a series of gorgeous pre-rendered environments, and required to puzzle your way through the adventure while engaging in battles with the mutant beasts that roam the area.

For those who thought this kind of 'survival horror' game wouldn't

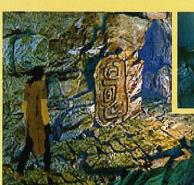
work well on GBC (Capcom, take note), Alone in the Dark proves them wrong in the most spectacular fashion. The game simply oozes atmosphere and tension. Each and every location is unbelievably detailed, bringing photo-realism to the small screen. Carnby himself is obviously far less detailed - looking a little monkey-like when standing in the foreground - but this is necessary for him to smoothly scale his way into and out of the screen.

The puzzles themselves are the usual Resi-style affairs - wander around your environment, searching for old journal entries to provide clues, keys, or crowbars that'll open locked doors. But it's the battles which taint Alone in the Dark because the world you navigate is comprised of pre-rendered screens, there's rarely enough room for combat, so you're forced into random encounters (à la Final Fantasy) that use an isometric view not dissimilar to GB Perfect Dark. In these, it's very tricky to aim at enemies, meaning ammo's eaten up like nobody's business and making death common.



It's a pretty safe bet that you'll be needing your around here..

In fairness, it's not long before you adjust to the combat, and this niggle really pales into insignificance in the grand scheme of things. Opening up new areas and plot developments is well worth the effort, and slowly uncovering the vile deeds and cruel experiments of the mansion's previous owner gives you an unparalleled sense of progress. And that's ultimately Alone in the Dark's most rewarding attribute





After a while

realise the

true scale of

the mansion

you'll begin to

The flicker on the rainbows is nothing short of criminal



have thought this was perfect for the Game Boy.



Bub and Bob are still the same.

The garish colours are still in full



reaching the top and claiming the bonus remains.

# inbow Islands

[1] From: TDK Price: £25 Save: On-cart Link-up: No Colour: Only Out: May

h, Rainbow Islands. Sequel to Bubble Bobble, and doyenne of the home computer generation. The game's simple play - chuck magic rainbows to kill enemies and climb to the top of a sinking island had countless Amiga owners hooked back when Take That ruled Britain.

So, let's get one thing out of the way: anyone who lost sleep to the original Rainbow Islands is going to despise this new Game Boy version. The design of the 24 levels deviates

from the original; the enemies are barely animated; the rainbows flicker alarmingly; and the screen is forced to scroll left and right to accommodate the full width of the play area. Technically, Rainbow Islands is an absolute travesty.

But if you're too young to remember Gary Barlow crooning A Million Love Songs, Rainbow Islands is bound to make you smile. The subtlety of throwing and breaking rainbows to see off enemies remains,

despite some appalling collision detection, and the joy of clambering to the top of each island, collecting bonus fruit and experimenting with power-ups that pop up out of nowhere is just as potent as it was ten years ago. Think Super Mario DX or Metroid - platforming that's so perfectly designed and stuffed with secrets that you'll want to return to the same levels time and again.

But where Mario DX rightly featured bonus mode upon bonus mode, Taito's feeble attempts to extend the game's lifespan - time and score challenges which must have taken all of two lunchtimes to code are a stark reminder of the incompetence that nearly ruined this incarnation of Rainbow Islands. So, even younger gamers who won't balk at the sacrilege of it all will tire of Islands before long. A wasted







Health is normally hard to come by so tread carefully. Caution and stealth is the best path

### Return of the Ninja



]]) From: Ubi Soft Price: £25 Save: Password Link-up: Yes Colour: Only Out: Now

nyone out there remember Sega's Revenge of Shinobi on the Mega Drive? If you do, then you'll be aware of just what to expect from this.

Return of the Ninja is a sidewaysscrolling platform/action game set in feudal Japan. Armed with your trusty blade and a never-ending supply of shuriken, it's your job to run and jump your way through each level, hacking down blokes - and beasts for that matter - who get in your way. This is pretty standard stuff, but even

so, the controls are tight, the visuals aren't too weak and it's all enjoyable enough to keep you playing. The locations and level design are both varied and competent, with a difficulty level that should prove challenging enough for GB veterans.

So, Return of the Ninja isn't amazing, by any stretch of the imagination - but it's an essentially sound purchase which won't disappoint fans of the genre. Neat.

# Mickey's Speedway USA

11) From: Rare Price: £25 Save: On-cart Link-up: Yes Colour: Only Out: Now

often that Rare send us something we'd rather not play - but in Mickey's Speedway's case, the cart ended up back in the





opportunity.

Originality isn't exactly its forté.

Rare's own RC Pro-Am and Mickey's Racing Adventure games which are both knocking on a bit now.

If you don't own any

Disney-themed racers, then Mickey's Speedway USA is certainly a decent choice, as it's good fun to play. But then so are countless others, which makes this strictly middle-of-the-road stuff with

nothing particularly exciting to offer. Not bad - just not really that good either.

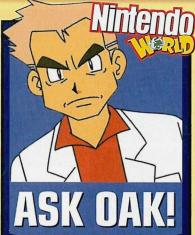


box surprisingly quickly.

Just how many more Disney racers can one platform support? Okay, so Toy Story Racer was a pretty classy affair, but this is truly bogstandard stuff. There are tons of tracks, and, yes, all your Disney favourites are here, and the racing itself isn't a disaster by any means. But it's suspiciously similar to both

We want your Game Boy tips! Send them to: GB Tips, N64 Magazine, 30 Monmouth St, Bath, BA1 2BW. The best one each month will win an Action Replay Online cart from Datel (01785 810826, www.codejunkies.co.uk).





Is there anyone out there who hasn't imported Gold or Silver yet? More to the point, are there any of you who aren't stuck on them? Here are two of the most common queries to arrive of late...

Alexander Nuttall, Edinburgh: People say you have a real knack for solving puzzles, so I would like your help. In Pokémon Silver, I can't find HM04 Strength. I know it's somewhere around Goldenrod City, because the third badge lets you use Strength anywhere. Even though I've beaten Whitney, I still can't track it down. Could you tell me where it is, please? Prof. Oak: Not a problem, Alex. The HM04 can be obtained from the sailor in Olivine City near the exit to route 40. He's in the house next to the Pokécenter in the western part of town.

Richard Frost, Essex: I have Pokémon Silver and no matter where I look, I still can't find the Rock Smash move. Please, please, please answer me, Professor Oak!

Prof. Oak: Ah yes, TM08 – aka Rock Smash. This can be obtained by battling and capturing Sudowoodo you'll need the Squirtbottle from Goldenrod to awaken him. Once he's out of your way, you should walk to your immediate right. On the path (Route 36), you'll find a guy who awards you TM08 for getting rid of the irritating Rock type. Alternatively, if you have enough cash you can purchase a Rock Smash from the Goldenrod City Department Store for 1,000 coins.

Vexed by a Poképroblem? Ask the Prof! Write to: Ask Oak, N64 Magazine, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath, BA1 2BW.



Please Instruct

#### **BACK TO THE MAIN MAP**

If you find yourself in a nasty situation that you can't seem to get out of, simply hold Select, then press A and B at the same time to go back to the main map and safety. This is also handy if you find yourself short of an item.

#### **ENERGY TOP-UP**

Running a little low on energy? Try this trick. Find your way to a communications room that has a soldier in the vicinity. Kill him, then nick the energy he leaves. Now enter the comms room and head straight back out again. The soldier should have reappeared, carrying more energy and ripe for the slaying. You can repeat this as often as you please.



There's a warp on top of one of the trees behind Hot Springs. Just walk through to travel back to the ranch.

#### **MORE SUNNY DAYS**

Ask the builder to make something for you. The next day - regardless of what it says on the telly - it'll be sunny. You can only do this, though, if you haven't got all the extensions.

#### 1,000 GOLD

Press A up against the chest of drawers in your room to earn 1,000 gold pieces. Lovely stuff, no?

#### **HORSE RACE GAME**

To unlock this feature, head for the tool shop the day after you first participate in a horse race, and it'll be available to buy.



#### Pokémon Trading Card Game

Infinite HP on all cards 0120C8C2

Infinite HP on active Pokémon 01FFC8C2

No HP on opponent's active Pokémon 0100C8C3

Infinite HP on all Bench Pokémon 01FFC9C2 01FFCAC2 01FFCBC2



GER RECEIVED THE LEGENDARY CARD ZAPDOS LULB!

> Infinite **Booster Packs** in Mail 01811ED1 01851FD1 018420D1

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01FFCCC2 01FFCDC2

Infinite Lab **Booster Packs** from PC 018221D1

Quick win 0100C8C3

Infinite Colosseum **Booster Packs from PC** 01811ED1

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No HP on opponent's Bench Pokémon 0100C9C3 0100CAC3

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Coin always lands on tails 01002FC2

Coin always lands on heads 01012FC2



Infinite Mystery Booster Packs from PC 018420D1

All fake medals 0108CCD3

Infinite Evolution Booster Packs from PC 01851FD1

# planet

incarnation of Rusty Lee (remember her?), but John Feltham from Kibworth Harcourt

charmed us anyway. An Action Pack from Joytech is on the way.

# Game B Gallery

It's not easy being green. We should know.

elcome, welcome. Quite a healthy batch of unlikelies populate the gallery this month, from sinister

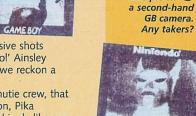
telephones to, er, chefs.
That's right, there's a jolly, overexcited celebrity foodster featured in our gold medal-winning pic this time. But why choose that shot? Well, we reckon the GB

Camera is ideally suited to taking or creating subversive shots of pretty much anything. If Rory Bremner can have ol' Ainsley ripping his own eyes out and then mincing himself, we reckon a little GB pic isn't going to do the man any harm.

GAME BOY

Unlike the rest of this motley mutie crew, that is. We've got a devil-cat from Devon, Pika silencing someone who looks disturbingly like our Alan, and plenty of other rather worrying enigmas. Good, thought-provoking stuff. Well, chunder-provoking at least. Keep 'em coming, friends. There's tasty booty in it for you...





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We found this pic on

budding comic artist.

Devon's
Dave Fryer, proving himself an animal lover. No sniggering at the back.

Cripes! Thomas Sykes of

Woodbridge is in big trouble with

Big Brother.

IAM GEEK



HSLEY

Are you now? So what's



Sent in by Abingdon's Hadlee Bennett. We're scared.

> Christopher Fennelly is certainly not going to be marrying our daughter. No siree.

Can anyone work out how this was done, except David Firstbrook of London?

Hmm. Is this Mickey Mouse taking the, er, Mickey? Better ask Lee Fletcher from Halifax.

That better be a potato, James Taylor from Retford, or we'll be done for obscenity.

Hello, chubby. Jersey's Steve Mailer, trying to prove that big is beautiful. Er, not in this case, matey...



Blob in sky at night, shepherds abducted. This from one Chris Wheeler in Crewe.





Oh dear. Neal Dremell from

Itchen in trouble

with the law.



An original work from Richard Simpkin. It worries us to think he's a resident of Bath, you know. That said, nice pig.



A sunbed's point of view, maybe. It's come to us courtesy of Stephen Houston from Co. Down.



## Send us your

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JOYTECH

Get creative! Point your Game Boy Camera at something interesting, print it out

and pop it in the post.

We'll print as many of them as we can fit on the page, and our monthly favourite wins an Action

Pack courtesy of those kind folks at Joytech (01525 244 200 or www.joytech.net), containing a mains adaptor,

rechargeable battery, light magnifier, carry-case and a clear purple link cable. Not a bad little haul. Send your pictures to:

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Good to see you, **Herr Doktor Jones...** 



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Don some leather armour and go!





GO TO PAGE



The games they're playing in America and Japan.



If this stunning sequel doesn't sell by the bucketload, we'll happily quit our jobs.





# EWED, RATED... AND COMPLETED!

Team 64 are gaming experts. They can play games and finish them, make definitive judgements and write it all down in a clear and entertaining way.

Our reviews are the biggest and best in the world. But you'll need to know a few things before you start ...

## INFO BURST

#### **METROID 64** FROM: Nintendo CART SIZE: 256Mbit **HOW MANY PLAYERS:** 1-4 CONTROLLER PAK: 20 pages CARTRIDGE SAVE: PASSWORD SAVE: **EXPANSION PAK:** RUMBLE PAK: TRANSFER PAK: WHEN'S IT OUT?

May

COST: £40

## THE INFO BURST

Look for this on all our reviews to get an idea of whether the game in question uses N64 peripherals like Controller. Expansion and Transfer Paks Also, we'll tell you when it's on sale - here, and in the US and lapan - and how much it costs.



You can play this on your UK machine with a convertor cartridge

#### Can't wait for a UK release?

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Look out for this logo, which tells you if you can play an import game on your UK machine using a Passport convertor, along with the code you'll need (if one's necessary). CA Games (0141 334 3901) should be able to help with all your import - and UK - N64 needs. Remember to tell them we sent you!

## IF YOU'RE IN A HURRY

We've tried to provide the most comprehensive reviews around, but if you're in a hurry, you can always just use our Verdict box!

#### PLUSES AND MINUSES

These tell you the good and bad bits about the game, breaking them down into easy-to-spot pluses and minuses.

#### IF YOU LIKE THIS...

The N64 has hundreds and hundreds of games - some of which will be similar to the one we're reviewing. So, in order for you to easily seek out another title of the same type, the 'If you like this...' box gives you an alternative choice. For example, if you liked GoldenEye, you might also like Turok 2 or Quake II.

## USUAIS

What does the game do with the N64's stunning graphical power?

## SILVIDS

How good are the game's sound effects and music?

How well does the game make use of the N64 and its incredible hardware?

## FESPAN

Will the game last you for months or a matter of hours?

## VERDICT

An overall opinion of just how good the game actually is. Plus, of course, a score.

#### pluses & minuses

Amazing levels.

Appalling music.

#### If you like this...

Mickey Mouse 64 Rare

N64/76, 96% Mickey Mouse-a-thon.

## VISUALS

SOUNDS

## MASTERY

LIFESPAN

ERDICT

## **HOW N6% SCORES A GAME**

Because N64 carts are so expensive, we won't award our Star Game badge until we know you'll be getting your money's worth.





April

#### 85 above

Only after playing a game right through to the end will N64 Magazine consider awarding it a Star Game badge.

## 84% - 70%

If we award a game 70%-plus you can be sure it's fantastic fun, if not perfect, and well worth thinking about adding to your collection.

## 69% - 50%

Every so often a game comes along that's perfectly playable, but just not special in any way – and simply doesn't make good use of the N64.

#### 49% -20%

Here you'll find games that are lazily programmed or hurriedly cobbled together, or simply weren't a good idea in the first place. These are to be avoided.

## 19% -

The disaster zone. There have been a couple and we've not shied away from giving them the firm kicking they deserve. Absolute, wretched crud.

Seeing the star of Shigsy's favourite movie in quite a decent game brought out the adventurer in us all this month. So, wet towel in hand, we set off...



#### **ANDREA BALL**

We sent the boss on a field trip to Egypt, but she ended up frantically digging in the back garden instead.

#### **GAME OF** THE MONTH Daytime TV 64

#### **JUD WEBB**

"What a great idea for a game!" cried Jud as he hurtled around a disused mine. Little does he know, eh readers?

> **GAME OF** THE MONTH Indiana Jones

## **MARK GREEN**

Greener's bottom lip was quivering when he found himself 'alone in the dark'. Bless his pus-soaked

**GAME OF** THE MONTH Poké Stadium G/S

cotton socks...

#### **DARK MARK**

The evil-doer quickly set up an alliance with the Nazis. "A bit too liberal for me," quoth the sinister one.

> GAME OF THE MONTH Indiana Jones



#### **GERAINT EVANS**

Seeing Indy hanging on by his fingertips was just too much for Geraint to resist, so the stamping commenced.

**GAME OF** THE MONTH Poké Stadium G/S



#### **PAUL EDWARDS**

"Dah de dah daaah, dude!" went Paul as he surfed atop a raft. And that's why he holds the crayons round here.

GAME OF THE MONTH Poké Stadium G/S



#### **ALAN MADDRELL**

Typical. Stupid twit Alan stuck a Gamecube on his head and pretended it was a trilby. Consider him fired.

> GAME OF THE MONTH Indiana Jones



#### STEVE JALIM

Pint-sized archaeologist Steve attempted to put this tiny monster thing in a Poké Ball. Bye bye, Mr J!

GAME OF THE MONTH Poké Stadium G/S





Factor 5 have worked wonders with *Indy*. With an Expansion Pak installed, the graphics are beautifully crisp, despite the rather 'blocky' nature of the environments. And, once again, Factor 5 have demonstrated their mastery of sound – from the familiar theme tune, to the vast amount of speech, to the 3D surround-sound effects of their MusyX system, this is an aural treat. It's just a shame that the bloke who does Indy's voice doesn't sound anything like him

## TOOLS OF THE TRADE

No self-respecting globe-trotting hero would even think of leaving home without a selection of useful items. After all, how can you plunder pyramids without a whip?

#### LIGHTER

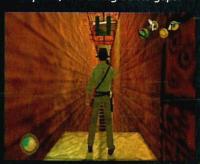
Ah yes, the lighter – useful not only for igniting hand-made Cuban cigars, but also for illuminating darkened areas you might encounter.



You start with a pistol - perfect for shooting soldiers or scaring off wolves - but later you can get hold of rifles and machine guns.



The whip has two uses. It can be a weapon, or - in the right situations you can also use it to snag branches or poles, and swing across gaps.



Vill Indy's exploits be whipcracking good fun?

**INFO BURST INDIANA JONES AND** THE INFERNAL MACHINE FROM: THQ CART SIZE: 256Mbit **HOW MANY PLAYERS:** CONTROLLER PAK: CARTRIDGE SAVE: PASSWORD SAVE: **EXPANSION PAK:** RUMBLE PAK: TRANSFER PAK: WHEN'S IT OUT? Now June TBA

COST: £40

ell, that's just typical. Given that the N64 release schedules will be painfully bare by this time next year - you'll hopefully have a Gamecube by then, remember – it's astounding just how many quality games the console is getting lately. Granted, we're always moaning about slipping release dates and postponed PAL launches (we're going to scream if Excitebike 64 doesn't get its promised June release), and the UK has always been dealt a bum hand as far as videogames are concerned. But 2001 is so far turning out to be full of rather pleasant surprises.

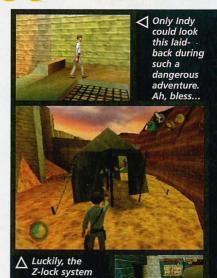
First of all, Conker's Bad Fur Day is released nary a month after it hit the US. Then Star Wars Episode 1: Battle For Naboo squeezes onto the shelves in time for the end of March, a full six months ahead of schedule. And now Indiana Jones and the Infernal Machine crashlands in the UK. Unbelievable.

Of course, these three games all have one thing in common - THQ. The

publisher - best known of late for uninspiring dross like Scooby Doo and the Second-Worst Game Ever, Power Rangers - have bravely picked up the games that Nintendo UK wouldn't, which means that we get to see some top-notch titles.

And this PC port is one of them. Springing from the fecund workstations of talented developers Factor 5 (responsible for the excellent Star Wars: Rogue Squadron), Indiana Jones and the Infernal Machine is an inspired reworking of a game that originally appeared on the PC a couple of years ago as a challenger to Tomb Raider's dominance of all things platform-style. Of course, the N64 isn't short of similar games - two 'Best-Game-Ever' Zelda titles, for a start, as well as the excellent Shadowman and more - but Indy is the closest yet to a Lara Croft adventure on our trusty machine.

So grab your fedora and whip and join Dr Jones in his latest crypt-robbing adventure. Can it be as good as we hoped, or is it a case of too little, too late? Read on to find out...



makes shooting

a comparatively

simple affair.

Helpful, that.

This archaeology lark isn't all crawling through dusty tombs and finding precious vases, you know. No, our friend Indy is a little more adventurous than your average professor. For a start, we don't reckon most bookish types would go white-water rafting in an inflatable dinghy...



3 Tapping A makes Indy paddle like billy-o, while turning the analogue directs the raft. Handy on these corners. But don't over steer don't over-steer.



4 The game is stashed full of secrets, so keep an eye open. See the

waterfall over there? Head into it.

5 Once inside, you'll find a corpse. Nothing too nice about that, you'd think, except this one's got treasure. Good.



**7** Eventually you'll reach your destination. But don't go and throw away that boat just yet, mind – you'll be needing it later on in your adventures...



2 You'd have to be mad to get into it, but what the hey, it's only a game. Off we go.... makes a change from minecart races, though, doesn't it?

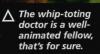
6 Carrying on, watch out for the rocks – they'll puncture the dinghy, and it'll gradually lose air. And you've only got one repair kit.





△ Tomb Raider, eat your heart out – Indy's the real deal.

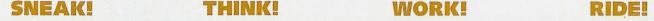
**▽** Just hop up the step and climb the ladder. Simple.



The levels get really big later on – and they're awfully pretty.



You won't just have to rely on simple brainpower in Indiana Jones and the Infernal Machine, as the environment often holds the answer to tricky problems. Take this situation...



So here you are, on the top of some battlements. Not an ideal place to be - especially as there's no clue as to what to do next. However, looking around, what do we notice but a supply truck...

The truck, which periodically trundles through below you, is delivering essential supplies to the dastardly Russkies.

Hmm. That could be a clue, then. Time for Indy to busy himself with a spot of infiltration...

Leap down to ground level from the battlements, and head to the adjoining building. Once inside,

indulge in a spot of block-pushing and you can climb to the top of this next set of battlements.

At the end, you'll find a handy gap, above the locked entrance to the Russian base. Wait patiently

here for the next truck, then jump. You-should land, cat-like, on the roof, and get carried into the base.





Factor 5 have spent an inordinate amount of time perfecting the weather effects for Indiana Jones and the Infernal Machine. The miraculously pretty snowstorms are best - so good, in fact, that Factor 5 reused them for their other recent title, Star Wars: Battle for Naboo. Clever.



A Brrrr. It's certainly 'snow' joke being out in the cold like this. Will that do?

The map's bound to help here - but Indy doesn't seem to have noticed it...

ell, who'd have thought it? Indiana Jones and the Infernal Machine, a hugely promising game, is bafflingly granted nothing more than a rental-only release in America, effectively stifling any hopes we had for a UK showing. But then we get told it'll be out here in September - which put a smile on our faces - only to be further astounded by the game's release being brought forward by three months to June. A big 'well done' to THQ, we reckon. Whilst Sin and Punishment appears to be stuck in Japan, and Excitebike seems almost eternally out of reach, it's good to see a

mostly to some canny programming additions on the part of Factor 5. The original version of this game came out on the PC, and suffered from some shocking control problems and a lack of analogue movement. Factor 5 - who ported the game to the N64 - plainly know how to improve such things, so you'll find a patented Zelda-style lock-on here. Whereas on the PC, aiming guns and hitting targets were two entirely disparate activities, on the N64 combat is a dream. Almost, anyway - it's not as effective or as smooth as the lock-on found in Zelda, but it's certainly more robust than the equivalent function found in, say,



## VISUALS ... with the aid of an Expansion Pak, the levels are clean and crisp, and great to look at.

quality game getting some proper support for a change.

But onto the game itself. If you've ever played Tomb Raider - and if you haven't, you must have been living in a cave for the past five years - you're going to know just what to expect with Indiana Jones and the Infernal Machine. This is all about running, jumping, climbing and figuring out the odd puzzle, with a little shooting and swimming thrown in. Whilst Lara Croft nicked Indy's image and raison d'être wholesale, it's fittingly ironic that this game should photocopy the Tomb Raider template almost exactly.

That said, this is a far superior game to the multiple Tomb Raiders, thanks

Shadowman. Elsewhere, proper analogue control is in evidence, and a splendidly familiar inventory system - you can 'bind' items to the C-buttons - is used. All good news, if not terribly original. Shigsy must be stamping his feet in anger.

So then, Indy is an improved version of an already well-received game, which is all fine and dandy. However, although control has been taken care of, there are rather more basic problems that can't quite so easily be fixed. Before we get on to that, though, let's say that this a good game - very good, in places. It just suffers from a lack of variety and too much repetition. Whilst Indy will take you all around the world in his search for relics,

## MALKING WITH ARCHAEOLOGISTS

A quick run through of what you can expect from Indy...



Here we are at the start of level two - Babylon.
Leaving your jeep, you're
dropped into a valley
containing plenty of crusty old
ruins. And what to do?



Well, handily, you can climb up a pillar and leap across to the walkway opposite. Follow it around the corner, and...



But Indy isn't stumped. Use this wooden block to leap to the top of the building, then vesdrop on the Russians.

.you'll find a problem. A locked building – there are people inside! – and there's no way around. Tricky, eh?

5 Jump down from the building and you'll walk straight into an enemy encampment. Gulp... What will you do shoot or run?

#### Sadly, Indy walks like he's got piles. So, how to sort this bridge out? Not easy... Don't spare the Nazis, the costumed scum. What could that object be? We're keeping mum. There are plenty of cut-scenes to watch. ← There's no fogging and no pop-up in Indiana Jones' colossal levels. Quite a feat, that,

each level pretty much consists of figuring out how to get from A to B - meaning plenty of climbing, jumping and pushing

canyon - the things you're asked to do in the game aren't too varied. Even the instances where you're hurtling down

wethinks.



and pulling blocks to and fro. Combat is scarce, and although there are lots of items to be used and a few contextsensitive tricks to pull off - such as employing your whip to swing across a

some rapids in a rubber dinghy, or partaking in the contractual minecart ride, do little to heighten excitement. But, despite a very blocky 'look', the various levels are still a joy to explore. From

deserts to snowy wastes, they're all sprawling affairs, and with the aid of an Expansion Pak they're clean and crisp, and great to look at.

So there you have it. Indiana Jones and the Infernal Machine is, at its core, a polished Tomb Raider. As such, it's never going to be as smooth or as compelling as Zelda, but if you're itching for some decent 3D platforming action, you can't really go wrong here. And let's face it, until Luigi's Mansion - or whatever it's called - arrives, you haven't really got much choice...

JES BICKHAM

#### pluses & minuses

- Looks great.
- Sounds superb.
- Improved control over the PC version.
- A huge challenge.
- The N64's very own Tomb Raider but better.
- Too much running, jumping and pushing blocks around.
- Can get repetitive.
- Not as immersive as Zelda or
- Shadowman

#### If you like this..

#### **Shadowman**

Acclaim

N64/32, 93%



#### VISUALS

Crisp, colourful and the lighting is superb.

## SOUNDS

Factor 5's mastery of sound is once again proven beyond doubt.

## MASTERY

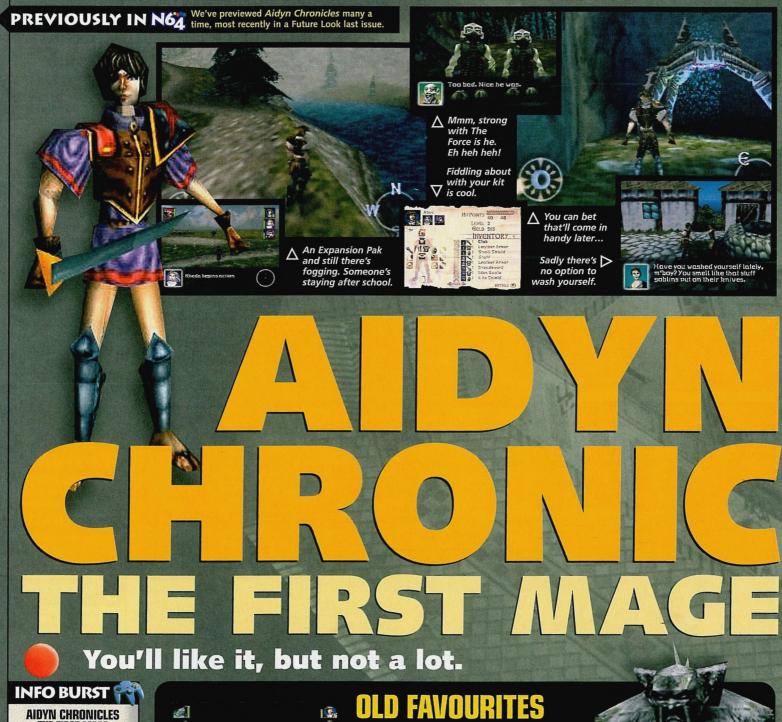
A vast PC game squeezed into a tiny cart, that somehow runs beautifully on the N64.

## LIFESPAN

If you can take the repetition of running and jumping etc, the sheer size of the game will keep you going.

## VERDICT

Much better than the PC original, Indiana Jones is an ace Tomb Raiderstyle romp spoiled only by an excess of 3D platforming clichés.







Time to do 1d6 damage to some stock enemies, eh, role-playing fans? The first foes you'll battle are some puny but oversized bats, later progressing onto your old mates the wolves, Dire and otherwise. When the party's looking a bit more healthy you can expect to cross the path of bandits and goblins,

who have a liking for poisoned projectile weapons. However, we were actually fairly scared when we first got physical with a small band of minotaurs. What next, a dragon?



## **MEET THE PLAYERS**

Your choice of party will affect the whole game...









ALARON

known. This orphan is trying to become a knight, but his way is fraught with major

Or 'Alan' as he likes to be

personal issues...

popping up and being enigmatic.
Talk to the hand...

#### WHAT YOU SAY!!

Some things in life you can depend on, like huge reams with a garrulous supporting

#### **ABRECAN**

This cycloptic meathead is invaluable early on in the game if you want to survive, as he is quite handy with weapons. But all is not as it seems with him...

#### BRENNA

Skinny thiefette Brenna is not too hot in a fight, but her ability to pick locks is priceless. She's very close with the hero, too, which helps quite a lot.

#### RHEDA

Rheda is a young wizard who has taken it on herself to tutor Alaron in the ways of magic. Do you reckon he'll surpass her...? It's all just so inevitable, isn't it?

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Ab! There you be.

Not now, Gechina. I want to talk with you. I'll be back.



h, Aidyn. So long in the waiting... RPG fans have been drooling over screenshots of this good old-fashioned swords 'n' sorcery adventure since time immemorial, hoping that finally they'd have something better to fiddle with than Holy Magic Century.

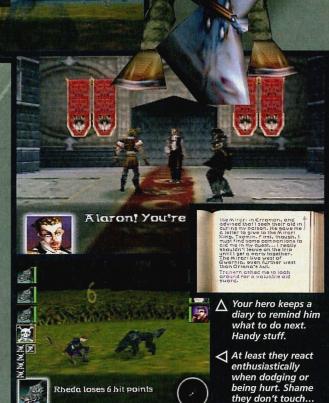
Alas, the wait continues. Aidyn does do a number of things right, but is let down by some terminally debilitating 'issues'. You take the role of enigmatic young upstart Alaron, who finds himself at

big that a brief trot across the mountains to the next town will take you knocking on for an hour to complete. Then of course, wondering where you're supposed to go next on far too many occasions. Early on,

#### You see some impressive VISUALS views ...but the game chugs along as you peer towards the horizon.

for example, you have to troll around an chatting to the inhabitants. However, we

That said, some effort has been put glance or two - you can see some fairly



#### pluses & minuses

- Traditional medieval RPG.
- Did we mention it's big?
- Many hours of play



- Really dodgy animation.
- The magic's a bit piff, paff, poof.

#### If you like this...

#### **Hybrid Heaven**

N64/33, 83%

Enjoyable futuristic



Pretty enough, but let down by poor animation and fogging.



Perfunctory. Everyone lets out a yelp when they're hit, and that's about it.



A weird blend of the ambitious and the hopelessly inept. How did this happen?

## LIFESPAN

Even ladies will have grown beards by the time they've reached the end

#### ERDICT

Another game that leads you on, promising to be great, but which disappoints when you actually play it. It's a cliché, but this is for RPG nuts only.





camera round.

So when do Alaron and his mates get paid? Actually, this is the map screen. Indispensable.



We spy a Tomb Rat in the distance and **1** We spy a Tomb Rat in the distance try to creep up on it, though bitter experience tells us this is basically an exercise in futility. One more go...



4 Have that!
Abrecan is clearly 'the man' at dishing out sword damage.

Let's battle

shall we?

some goons,

5 The Tomb Rat emits a horrible scream as it dies, chilling us right through to the bone.



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We start the long slog towards the enemy. Those weird white cones are the boundary of our movement range. So now you



6 Ha! The other one's legging it. We give chase to no avail. A wise decision on their part, we think you'll find in the long run.



Then I make sare the coast is clear, and so this way!

impressive views from high places. But the game engine chugs along horribly as you peer towards the horizon, and often resorts to fogging distant scenery – which is cheekily old hat when you see the likes of Conker's and Banjo-Tooie doing the biz.

expect magnificent displays of light from our magic – Aidyn mostly responds with only a 'poof' and a wisp of smoke. The willfully idiosyncratic combat system also perplexes us. You'll carefully creep up behind a solitary enemy, only to shift into

#### If you're bloody-minded LIFESPAN enough to persevere with Aidyn, it will eventually reward you.

Of course, the bulk of your time will be spent doing things like wandering the wilderness and battling Dire Wolves to up the old experience points, so your wizard can graduate to a higher level and learn a new spell. The mechanics of all this are pleasingly old-school, but we've come to

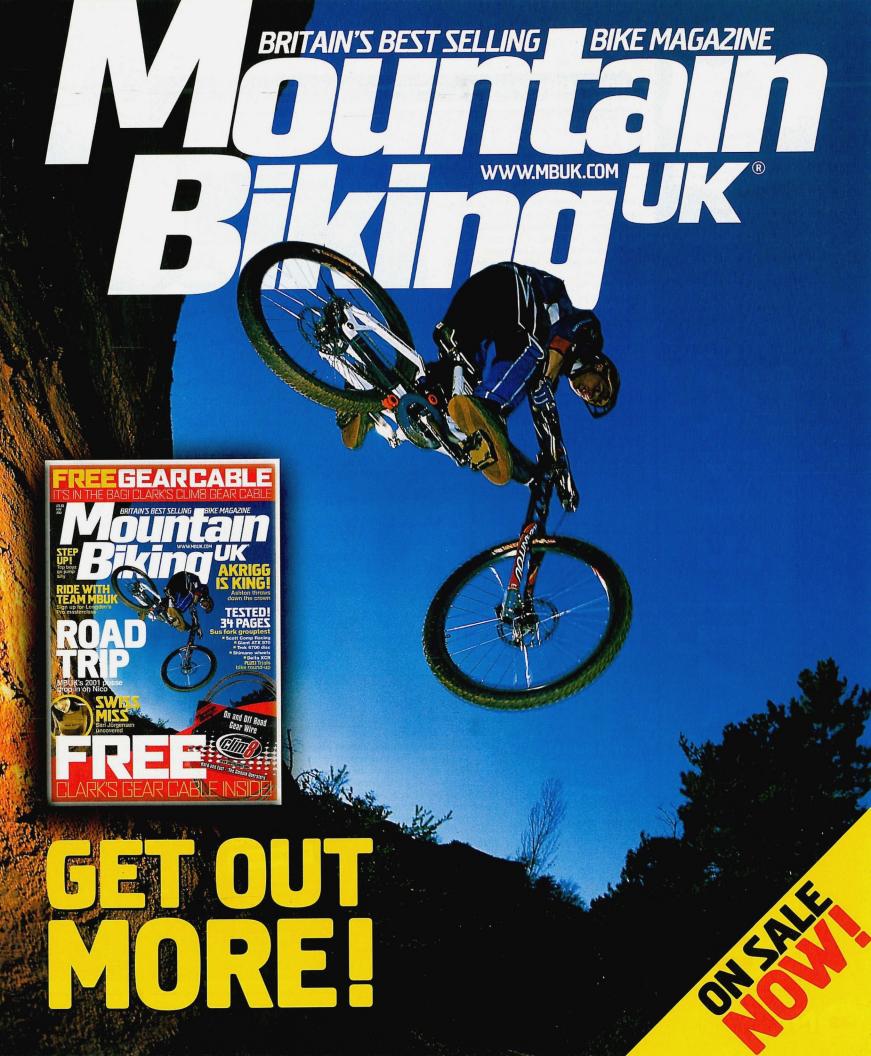
combat mode and find your party spread apart, miles away from half a dozen foes. Highly curious and rather annoying, as it rounds running over to where they are.

Basic gameplay problems like this can seriously harm a game's final score, but if

you're bloody-minded enough to persevere with Aidyn Chronicles, it will eventually reward you. It's frankly enormous, and has a plot which you'll genuinely care about, if you can be bothered to put in countless frustrating hours battling with the thing.

In fact, we feel a little guilty knocking Aidyn, as it does try really hard. There is a big old world out there, and parts of it are pretty. But with a hero who runs like his legs are broken lolly sticks, outlandish combat, and no idéa of where you're going half the time, Aidyn Chronicles is a decidedly mixed bag. Most of us should steer well clear, but if you simply must have an RPG no matter what we say, you

ALAN MADDRELL



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PREVIOUSLY IN N61 We reviewed the Japanese version of Stadium G/S in N64/52

## THE NEW STYLE

Nintendo have turned things up a notch with two new Pokémon types...

## DARK

These new monsters are super-effective against Ghost and Psychic types, which were heavily unbalanced previously, especially in the hands of the pro. There are six new Pokémon of this type, including Houndoom, Houndour, Murkow and Tyranitar.

So what? The annoying spod down your road won't be able to Alakazam your butt into the middle of next week every time he plays you. Oh, and there's a funky new Eevee evolution called Umbreon to add to your collection -

no complaints



These types kick butt against Ice, Rock and Dark Pokémon. There are six of them, too, including Steelix - an Onix evolution - Forretress, Scizor and Sharmory. All Steel types are weak against Fire, Electricity and Water attacks. So what? Good question. As Magnemite and Magneton fall into this new category, they're now vulnerable to more attacks - as if they weren't



## We're back once again with the stadium



f you cast your mind back to N64/52, you'll remember that Import Arena was lucky enough to host the newly-released Japanese version of Pokémon Stadium Gold/Silver. Unfortunately, we're still not accustomed with the intricacies of said Eastern dialect, and so -

despite playing it to death since its arrival - it's been impossible for us to appreciate Stadium G/S in its full glory.

Thankfully, though, all that's behind us. We've now got our hands on a fullytranslated American copy of the game. Gone are the days of speedily bypassing reams of

incomprehensible text, selecting attacks at random and listening to Alan's "Couldn't tell what I was doing!" excuses every time we wipe his face in the dirt. This time, we know exactly what's going on - and

Stadium G/S rocks.

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good to look at.







Yep, Stadium G/S surpasses anything its predecessor had to offer. Not only have the menu screens been polished to perfection, but the game resolution has also been tweaked, giving everything a shinier and more impressive look. All 251 Pokémon are simply gorgeous to behold, with a wide range of varied animations – including individual faint scenes and the kind of special lighting effects and attacks which will burn right through your retina. The best change in Stadium's presentation, though, is in the battles themselves. The arenas are much more exciting-looking, while the smoothness between each monster's attack and connecting hit has been tightened considerably – it stuck out like a sore thumb in the original.



RARE REWARDS By beating the various cups with certain conditions fulfilled, you'll gain access to rare Pokémon. These are normally high-level monsters with more moves than they'd normally possess. After beating the Rival Cup for example, we nabbed ourselves a Farfetch'd with Baton Pass. Sweet.

# WELCOME TO WHITE CITY

A whole new adventure, a brand new tournament and a huge new stadium complex to explore. You'll be needing some guidance, then...

Here's where you sort out the championship

contenders from the small-time bug catchers.

'trained' Pokémon, and beat him to pulp in the

park. Against a human opponent, this is about

Grab a mate, get him to unveil his so-called

## **STADIUM**

This is where it's all at. Here you can enter the Little Cup, Poké Cup, Prime Cup and Challenge Cup. Each one is set in its own stunning arena,



and each holds enough challenging battles to keep you going for months.

The sweeping > camera creates a good sense of drama for each bout.



## **MINI-GAMES**

One of the best extras from the original Pokémon Stadium returns with a set of great games to distract you from your tournament exploits. The



A good question. If

you don't have the

you're in big trubs.

Game Boy game,

present and correct, and the amusement potential is significantly higher.



four-player option is



This is always the most fun bit of a Stadium game, talking the smack.

 Are you talkin' to me? Well,

as addictive

are you?

as it gets.



## **GYM CASTLE**

If you want to earn your badges, this is where you're going to have to go. Each leader from Pokémon Gold/Silver is here, and they're just



as tough as before. Use rental 'mon at your peril, folks – you have been warned.





One of our favourite additions to the package has to be the Pokémon Academy. If you're mad for Pokémon, you're going to love this...



**2** The classroom allows you to, er, attend a class, test your knowledge or battle other students.

You have a choice of destination to begin with. Either attend a lecture or visit the library.



← The top

way to

the best

enjoy

sellers of all

This is the engine room of Pokémon Stadium. It's here that you check through your Pokémon and their stats, find information about the world of Johto - like nesting sites and trade your beloved monsters and any items like TMs and HMs.



A curious addition, make no mistake, as it serves absolutely no practical purpose at all. It's simply a decorative feature. Still - as the map-screen footnote states - it's a welcome change of pace



Ger's room is actually littered with cheese



from all



Just like in the previous game, you can enter GB Tower and play your Game Boy cartridge on your television. This is ideal for boosting your Pokémon's levels, as fights can be speeded up to reduce monotony.



Still won't help you if you're lost, however. Go on, phone Mum, wimp.



## DADDA BUM

If you thought the previous Stadium was cute, this next instalment will bring tears to your eyes. Never before have Pokémon looked so adorable.

#### **Smoochum Pichu** Tyrogue

Ah bless! As if Pikachu wasn't cute enough, Nintendo have downsized the yella fella and created this pre-evolved form. Now we know what that rambunctious little Pika and his missus get up to on their day off...



This feisty tearaway is a direct product of breeding between a Ditto and either a Hitmonchan or Hitmonlee. The little scamp may look pretty cute, but be wary - it's armed with some nasty combo attacks and a mean punch.



Babber Jynx here is a bit of an odd one. According to the Pokédex, it examines everything with its lips first, then rocks forward and back imitating kisses (?!). Not much use in battle, but still undeniably cute.



This critter may look nice, but by the time we'd reared one and checked our 'dex, it informed us that it "dribbles hot embers out of its mouth and nostrils". Whatever you do, then, don't give the little tyke your hanky.

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3 The lectures tackle just about

every imaginable

Pokémon universe,

teaching you all that

you'll need to know

is power, you know.

for battle. Knowledge

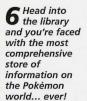
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4 The tests are quite tricky - but for every one you manage to pass, you'll be awarded



a medal.

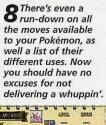
**5** Each student is proficient in different aspects of battling challenge them to brush up on your weakest areas.





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> **7** You can check on stats and evolution profiles - just what you need to be a true Pokémon master.







On top of the ability to transfer your hand-reared GB Pokémon to battle in the main arenas, *Stadium* G/S offers those who have spent time on the island of Johto access to mystery gifts, which can then be collected on the fifth floor of the Goldenrod City

Mart. Not only that, but special treats bought by your Mum – like the doll she puts in your room can be viewed in a 3D mock-up of your bedroom found on the main map in Stadium Gold/Silver.



Although this serves no real purpose, it's welcome all the same, as you spruce up your room with trinkets you discover on your Gold/Silver Game Boy adventure.



Mark offers us sometimes...



#### NEW BALLS PLEASI

The introduction of your Pokémon to the battle arena is simply stunning. Gone is the understated whirl of light that preceded battles in the first instalment, and in its place is a pyrotechnic display that'll knock your socks off as you whisk your 'mon in and out of battle. We just can't get enough of it



## **FUN FOUR ALL**

The minigames were a right laugh in the first *Stadium*. This time, they're even better.

## Tumbling Togepi

This is pretty much the same as Run Rattata Run, only this time instead of bashing buttons you have to direct Togepi to the speed boosts.



## Furret's Frolic

This is essentially a game of fourway footie. Use your Furret to head different-sized Pokéballs into your own goal and win the match.

## Rampage Rollout

Angle your stampeding Donphan as tightly around the corners as you can, while kicking dirt into your fellow racers' faces. Top stuff.

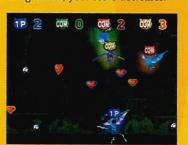


## Pichu's Powerplant

Direct your Pichu to the electrode and hammer the indicated button to increase your power. If you're successful, the others will fry.

## **Gutsy Golbat**

Fly through the cavern and try to collect as many hearts as possible before your opponent. If you hit a Magnemite, your score decreases.



## Delibird's Delivery

Simply, pick up the items and shove them in your sack. The more you collect, the harder it is to get back to base and avoid the Swinubs.



his one needs no introduction. It's the sequel to the hugely successful *Pokémon Stadium*, which has helped keep Nintendo's 64-bit wonder in the running through its twilight years. And with good reason too. After spending months glued to the Game Boy's tiny screen, battling, trading and rearing your favourite monsters, seeing them burst out of your telly was a completely original and utterly addictive experience.

So, right from the start, anyone who's been acquainted with the previous *Stadium* will feel right at home. However, the tournaments themselves are larger, harder and more intensive than before. There are four in total – the Little Cup, Poké Cup, Prime Cup and Challenge Cup – and some are broken up into four subdivisions. So, to take an example, in the Challenge Cup you're required to fight through 32 different battles in order to claim the prize. In addition to this, there are some excellent

# VISUALS The monsters are much more vibrant... and the battlegrounds are stunning...

And for *Pokémon Stadium Gold/Silver*, Nintendo have kept the basic formula very much the same. You can battle it out in the usual selection of tournament modes – each with their own level restrictions – or enter the Gym Challenge, which puts you head to head against the best the CPU has to offer. In addition to these, there's a selection of minigames to break up the action and, of course, GB Tower, where you can play your copy of *Gold* or *Silver*—on the big screen.

new mini-games to divert you from the standard battling, the all important multiplayer 'free' battles, and the tricky Gym Leaders to fight against. Needless to say, there's so much to do in *Pokémon Stadium G/S* that beating it in its entirety will take yonks.

Unfortunately, all Stadium basically entails is countless similar battles – and that will most likely turn non-Pokéfans away. For those who don't see the attraction of Nintendo's popular series, this will be an





## GOING.... GO

One of the best things about both Pokémon Stadiums is the faint sequences that take place before the Pokémon are sucked back into their balls. Each monster has their own little waddle, swagger and stumble, which could be the standard keeling over, face down in the dirt, or - in Togepi's case - a dainty little cross-eye pirouette before sitting back on his eggy burn and fainting. This kind of attention to the animation of each Pokémon prevents them from looking like mechanical beasties, and lends each critter more character than ever. Ahhhhh.



So, in essence, what you're looking at

exercise in abject tedium. But for the rest of us, this is simply fantastic. On top of all the usual stuff, there are 100 extra Gold/Silver monsters, bringing more diversity to your potential team of six and requiring you to rethink your tactics for each battle. The wealth of options is astounding, and there's a Pokémon academy where you can access fullycomprehensive details on all the monsters, moves and tactics possible, as well as take tests to improve your Pokémon knowledge

The vast improvement in the visuals department is also worth noting. The animation, battle effects and arenas are incredible. The monsters themselves are much more vibrant and seem to show more character than their predecessors, and the battlegrounds are stunning, providing a fantastic sense of atmosphere That's especially true in the latter stages of Gym Castle, where the arenas become suitably more brooding and tense until the climactic battle, which takes place in a breathtaking mid-air arena, overlooked by a giant statue.

It's this attention to detail which makes Stadium so lovable. Nintendo obviously care about the Pokémon universe they've created, and it really

shows. The craftsmanship is astonishing other than the irritating commentary, which returns with a vengeance and supplies hours more brain-melting dialogue, there's nothing here which is sloppily programmed or half-heartedly designed. For those who love their Pokémon, this really is a dream come true.

here is a super-deluxe version of the original. For Pokémon enthusiasts, it's an absolute must, and should provide all the Pokégoodness you require until Pokémon GBA arrives. And although Pokémon Stadium G/S won't be out here til the Autumn, PAL N64 owners needn't wait -

#### There's so much to do in LIFESPAN Stadium G/S that beating it in its entirety will take yonks...

In fact, you need to have played the Game Boy titles extensively to get the most out of Pokémon Stadium G/S. The 'rental' monsters that come on the N64 cart are all very well and good for a quick blast in the multiplayer mode, but most enjoyment will come from chucking your own customised critters into battle. The later challenges and tournaments are nearimpossible unless you have your own team of hand-reared Pokémon all raring to go, and watching them perform in 3D is highly rewarding. If you have friends with some equally-matched Pokémon, Stadium Gold/Silver really does come into

its own.

PAL versions of the game are currently doing the rounds in Australia. There's no excuse for anyone to miss out on stunning 3D Pokébattles right now.

## pluses & minuses

- Months and months of play.
- 100 great new
- Pokémon.
- Superbly presented
- A Pokéfan's
- dream come true.
- More options than you could ever hope for.



#### If you like this...

#### **Pokémon Stadium**

NIntendo N64/41, 90% didn't know already.



#### VISUALS

Great animation and explosive attack effects. Pokémon never looked so good.

## SOUNDS

Impressive, but the tunes and commentary still grate after an hour or two. Shame.

## MASTERY

Graphically splendid and bursting with options and info - this is certainly packed out.

## LIFESPAN

If you love Pokemon, this will last you until the next generation of Pokégames is revealed.

## VERDICT

Strictly for Pokémon fans only - but if that's you then this is an absolute joy to behold, and not to be missed





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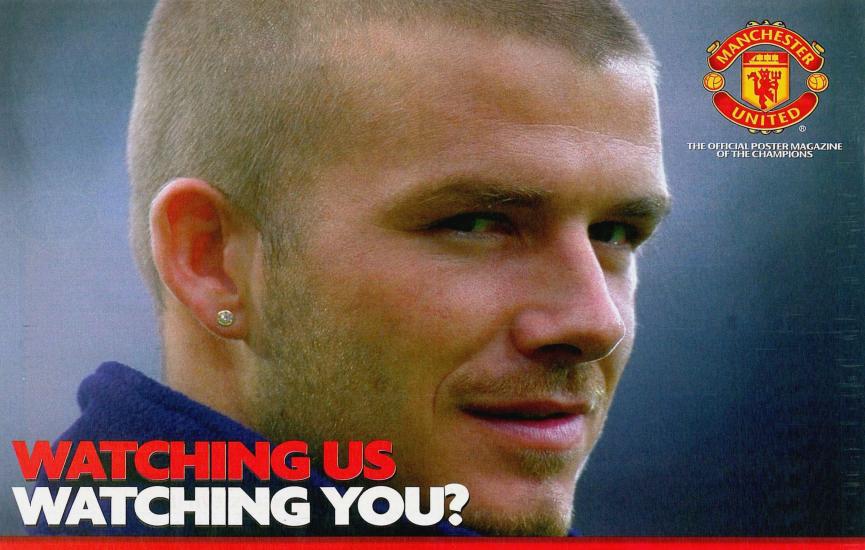
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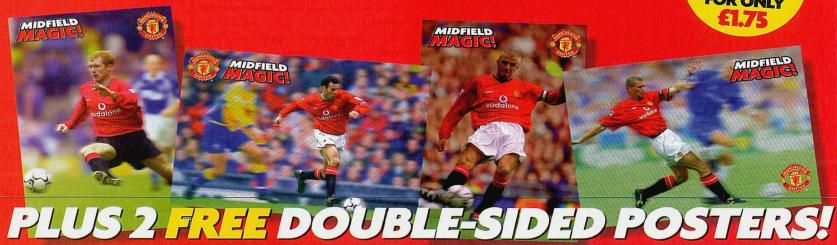


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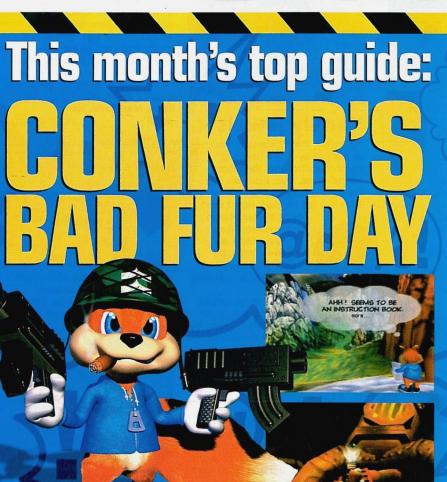
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## 'first ever letter'

This is my first ever letter to a mag, you know. Anyway, to the

point. In response to Nicholas Wigley's letter

regarding the Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time mobile 'phone ringtone, I set to work recreating another beepy Zelda classic for the popular Nokia series of cellular telephones. It's a ringtone version of the haunting tune that seeps into your ears when you're inside the Temple of Time.

Marios Kalogerou, Chesterfield



2a1 1d1 2f1 2a1 1d1 2f1 4a1 4c2 4c2 4b1 2g1 2f1 2a1 2d1 4c1 4e1 2d1 Tempo: 200 That's just great - our very first reader ringtone (as opposed to the one Nicholas mentioned from www.mobilemelodies.com in the last issue).

In fact, I can feel a competition coming on. Compose a ringtone version of a Ninty theme, send it to us at Mailbox address, and we'll award a prize for the best. Get beeping! Ed



## 'family jewels'

Picture this TWINE scenario: I'm on the first level, and have just regained control after the shootout cut-scene. Then I stumble into a room and there's a man who looks just like my Dad! Now I can't

resist the temptation to shoot him in the head – or, even better, the 'family jewels'! Joe Hancock, Dudley

And now we can all enjoy popping a cap in your dad's groin. He must be thrilled. **Ed** 



'sharpen up'

I say! On page 20 of issue 53, there's a little picture of Sonic the Hedgehog

drawn on a Game Boy Camera. What

caught my eye was the sign that young Sonic was giving with his finger! You should tell him to mind

his manners – if he expects to join Nintendo's cause, he had better

sharpen up his act.

It's his index finger. See? He's giving his patented wagging-the-finger signal. Kittsy's art 'skills' have a lot to answer for. **Ed** 

No, no, no.



Kinky. Ed

## 'scrubbing a loo'

Oh my word. I've just seen something that made my eyes pop out. It's a Harpic Power Foam advert that looks like a bonus cut-scene from *Perfect Dark*. It's got a Joanna-alike scrubbing a loo, and even a spy-cam! Sam Hamer, Huntingdon

Well, even espionage agents have got to keep their pans clean. Spy-cam in the toilet, though, eh?



## 'another one'

I am writing to tell you about the amazing amount of windmills in N64

games at the moment. There's a windmill in Zelda, another in Conker's Bad Fur Day, and another one somewhere, but I can't quite remember where.

R McDonald, Surrey

## **Correction corner**

Our P45s are in the internal mail right now...

In **N64**/51, in your *Banjo-Tooie* Special Investigation, you referred to Mumba, but called her Humba Wumba.

Ciaran Friis, Sydney

All part of a stunningly clever plan. Of course, I can't give you any more details than that. **Ed** 

I'd like to point out some things wrong with your Majora's Mask How To... in N64/52. You said the Bomb Shop owner is a her – it's actually a man. The leader of the Indi-gos is Evan, not Lulu. What you called Akindo Nuts are actually Deku Scrubs. Sorry to go on. Luke Miles, Halifax

Ah, that'll be Mr Maddrell's fault. Dropped on his head as a baby, you know. Tragic. **Ed** 

In **N64**/53, on page 12, you said that the monsters in the 'Pokémon Micro Playset' were Psyduck and Nidoran.

Actually, they're Psyduck and Rhydon – it's just pink because it's eaten the Pinkan Berries.

Richard Eccleston, Stourport-on-Severn

Geraint's certainly the one turning pink now. Ed

In N64/52, on page 92, you said that the SNES version of Zelda was Link's Awakening. Not so – that's the Game Boy version. The title you're looking for is Link To The Past. Henry Bailey, Pewsey

Ack. That's my shoddy research skills again. I wonder if it's possible to sack yourself... Ed

I think any Kevin Smith fan would know that it's 'Snoogins', not 'Snoogans'. Anthony Hoyle, via email

Ah, but Martin isn't just any Kevin Smith fan... **Ed**  Yes, overwhelming evidence there for 'The Windmill Conspiracy'. Do write in if you spot another N64 windmill – they're everywhere, you know. Ed



'so cynical'

Look what I was sent by an anonymous Ninty employee! (Sorry to be so cynical, but I just wanted to point out that

Nintendo are always shooting themselves in the foot. It makes me mad!)

Gavin Lane, West Sussex

Yep, it's all here – slipping release dates, odd colour choices, the UK treated appallingly. But there's hope – GBA launching in June over here signals the start of a bright new era... Ed

## 'a question'

Did anyone see the Weakest Link on Thursday 1st March on BBC2? There was a question about Pokémon, namely: 'What are Jigglypuff and Lickitung?' The foolish contestant didn't know.

Richard Freeman, Ripley

We all work far too late to catch the daytime editions of Anne Robinson's cult sneer-fest. Probably for the best – her wonky-mouthed half-wink gives us nightmares. **Ed** 

## 'proper writers'

I was messing around on my Dad's computer, and I started writing a magazine to show him all the effects you could get. Over a few weeks, I ended up with something I was quite proud of. Your thoughts would be appreciated, as you're

all proper writers. Except Paul, who will always be a long-haired surfer. Tom Wallace, North Devon

Professional stuff, indeed – Geraint's clearing his desk to make way for you already. And Paul thinks your mag's "bodacious" – a word we last heard 15 years ago on Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles. Ed

## 'human features'

In N64/54, Jamie Folwell claimed that Zelda was inspired by the Ridley Scott film, Legend. Well, I've discovered similarities between Zelda and zombie flick Evil Dead

2. There's a rift in time, a tree with human features, a Triforce-like symbol in a book, a Lens of Truth, a monster that transforms like Ganon, a haunted wasteland... the list goes on. Spooky, huh?

Joseph Doherty, Isle of Man

And Zelda's awful 'Willst thou get the girl... or play like one?' tagline is almost trumped by Evil Dead 2's brilliant and bewildering: 'Kiss your nerves goodbye!' Ed

'last year'

I thought I'd send you these. I made the Bellsprout last year for my sister because it's her favourite Pokémon (don't ask), and I made the Majora's Mask this year when I was bored. Hope you like them! Ellie Chambers, London

Nice work – your mask will be on the N64 Board next month. Mind you, Bellsprout has a rather worrying stain on its lip. You haven't been kissing it, have you? Ed

## 'the tune'

Am I the only one to notice that the tune in the Music Box House in Zelda: Majora's Mask is exactly the same as the tune that plays on the merry-go-round in Big Boo's Haunt in Super Mario 64?

Jeremy Shaw, Worcester

And Shigsy thought he was going to get away with it, too. Lazy beggar. Ed



## 'Craig David'

Anyone who's heard Rewind by Craig David and Artful Dodger will know it has a vast array of sound effects, from tyres squealing to glass breaking. There's one effect that sounds like a gun being fired – and, when I looked into this, I discovered it's exactly the same sound used when the PP7

(Silenced) is fired in GoldenEye.
John Tucker,
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If '7 Days' is representative of Craig David's usual week, it's hardly surprising he hasn't got the time to search out new sound samples. Ed



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with a tidy layout, page upon page of news, hints and tips, and some cute animated characters scampering at Benny Hill-style speeds across the screen. There's even 'Ask Banjo' – a letters page complete with barbed comments from the ever-grumpy Kazooie. Congrats due to the gruesomely-named 'Squitter', who put together the page.



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Another website with a soothing blue background, Jayensee is organised into five 'planets', dealing with topics as diverse as Nintendo, Zelda, anime and Dragonball Z. The Nintendo section is particularly neat, with site creator Joshua Clarke – one of the contributors to Correction Corner's infuriatingly endless Dragonball Z debate – feverishly posting all-new screenshots as they appear. There's even a phone-in compowith some N64-rivalling prizes to be won.

Created a website you're proud of? Send its address and your details to: Surf's Up, N64 Magazine, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath, BA1 2BW.



## BONUS LETTERS

Who is Wilfredo Grizzly?

John Kendall, Bishop's Stortford

Not sure – but his parents obviously have a sense of humour. Ed

Don't do an 'Ass 64' on me! Gabriel Knox-Carter, Wirral

Yet again, Alan's reputation precedes him. Ed

Thank you for trying to read my handwriting.

Luke Davies, Devon

Or at least we think that's what it said. Ed

Princess Zelda could even whip Peach. Angela Higgins, Merseyside

The kind of game idea you won't be seeing in Dream On. Ed

There's no point in sending this 'cos it's not worth publishing.

Gabriel Harry, Hereford

How wrong you were. Ed

I have discovered that Mark starred as McDonald's in that strange advert. Shaun Harris, Kent

What are you talking about? Ed

She will scream a throaty protest! Lee Howes, Great Yarmouth

Take Craig David's advice, I reckon – take her for a drink on Tuesdav first. Ed

Get Andrea to make more tea! Richard Bagley, via email

But then all the cups would overflow... Ed

The baseline at the beginning of SNES *F-Zero* is exactly the same as Five's Slam Dunk Da Funk!

Jonathan Fogel, via email

And we hear Westlife are about to cover the theme from Super Metroid. **Ed** 

If Steve is so little, yet has such large ears, does that mean he revolves like a weather vane? Henry Lai, via email

Got it in one. Have you been watching him leave the office? Ed



Every month we'll print details of the best N64-related bargains recently spotted by you – our legions of loyal readers. What's more, we'll even reward the best bargain hunter each issue with a prize! This time round, it's **Damon Shaw** from **Salford**, who gets a sparkly new N64 joypad!

#### WOOLWORTHS

Hydro Thunder £14.99
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#### GAME

Cyber Tiger £14.99 Monster Truck Madness £14.99

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## So tell me this

Can we expect to see *Metal Gear*Solid 2 on the Gamecube?
Paul Byrne, via email

Good question, as Metal Gear isn't PlayStation exclusive. We've seen it on Game Boy Color, and it's already bound for Microsoft's XBox and – inevitably, we reckon – Game Boy Advance. Creator Hideo Kojima is a big fan of Nintendo's mauve box, so we reckon there's every chance of MGS2, or failing that, MGS3 on GC.

- 1. Will an American Game Boy Advance play English GBA, GBC and Game Boy games? 2. How much will a Game Boy
- Advance cost in the UK?

  3. How much will GBA games cost,
- on average?
  Will Bovill, Oxon
- 1. The signs point to a 'yes'. Our Japanese GBA has been happily running English and US copies of Game Boy Color games, so any

country's Game Boy Advance should run any country's games. 2. Nintendo of Europe will supply the GBA to shops at a price of 120-130 Euros – that's as little as £80. Remember, though, that your local games emporium needs to turn a profit, so you should probably expect to pay a little more than that for a machine.

- 3. It's a bit up in the air at the moment, but somewhere around £30 would seem about right although publishers are still subject to a hefty licensing fee, so they might pop a few pounds on top.
- 1. I'm ordering a Passport v3, so do you know of any good websites where I could order *Sin and Punishment* or *NFL Blitz 2001*?
  2. Will there be any more baseball games coming out for the N64?

  Josh Henderson, Wellington.
- 1. We'd recommend going through CA Games (0141 334 3901) up in Scotland – they can track down

most US and Japanese games for you. But if you insist on ordering through a website, try www.express.com, who ship games, DVDs and music all around the world.

- 2. Funny you should ask turn to page 17 to see a preview of the N64's final baseball game, the bigheaded Power Pro Baseball 7 from Konami. Only available in Japan so far, mind.
- 1. Why didn't Conker's Bad Fur Day receive a proper age rating from the British Board of Film Classification?
  2. Why don't Nintendo release demo versions of their games for, say, a tenner a throw?

  Matthew Riley, Liverpool
- 1. There's no legal requirement for any games to be submitted to the BBFC, so THQ chose not to with Bad Fur Day. Probably a good thing too – after Perfect Dark had a big red '18' stamped on it, they'd have probably had to invent a new

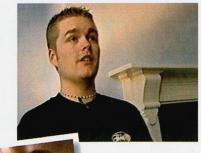


'the banjo'

Was anyone watching Channel 4 at 11.35pm on the last Saturday in March? They had a programme on called Thumb Candy – it was a potted history of videogaming, and Shigsy put in an appearance. He played Mario Bros and talked about his creations – they even had a picture of him playing the banjo.

Michael Tidwell, Cheltenham

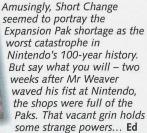
Here are the pictures to prove it. 'Thumb Candy' was top-notch—it's just a shame that they tried to squeeze over 20 years of videogame history into 60 minutes. And talking of TV appearances... Ed



## 'short spot'

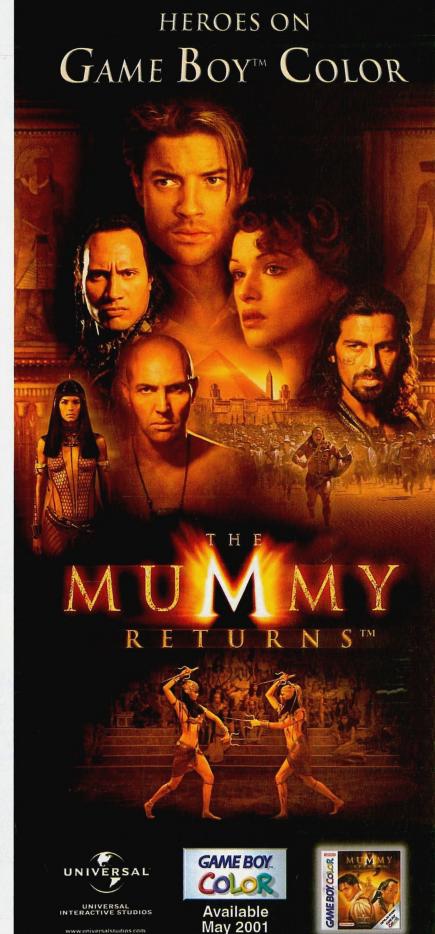
Just to let you know that Tim Weaver had a short spot on BBC One's Short Change, in case he hasn't been shouting it to the world ever since. Is this part of his plan for world domination? You could start a competition: where will Tim show his face next?

Sumedh Shastri, via email





rating for Conker's. Only Nintendo know the answer 2. Simply because the whopping to that common question. A Game Boy Advance version of Pokémon cost of creating an N64 cartridge prohibits it. Having was announced last month, along said that, Turok 2 with a new trainer and a handful demo carts were of never-before-seen monsters, doing the but - as you'd expect - there was rounds just no release date given. We reckon there'll be before the some big game's news on release, but as Pokémon at May's big E3 Acclaim games expo haven't done the although we'll have to wait to see same since, exactly how you can assume it Nintendo combine Pokémon with the exciting wasn't a particularly GBA/Gamecube link-up profitable capabilities. Expect all the enterprise. news in the very next issue. Got a Ninty-related query? When is the next Send it to us at: So tell me this..., Pokémon game N64 Magazine, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath, BA1 2BW. due out? Jake Spencer, London



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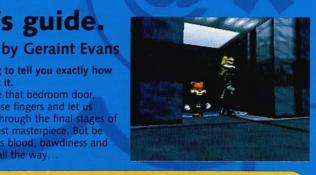
Part two of our complete player's guide.

We reviewed Conker's Bad Fur Day in issue 53 and this is what we concluded:

ow where were we? Oh yes we'd already peppered the nose of the dragon, sacrificed its child, picked a fight outside a shady nightclub and urinated on the clientele... so what now? More sickness and depravity, maybe? Well, you'd be right - and

we're going to tell you exactly how to go about it.

So close that bedroom door, exercise those fingers and let us guide you through the final stages of Rare's newest masterpiece. But be warned - it's blood, bawdiness and bad words all the way.



The Boss is on your tail and he's got a little job for you... let's go to work.

With Berri free from her cage, its time to do a runner. Unfortunately, the big fella on the door spots the stolen cash and sends you to his boss - who, in turn, sends you deep into the heart of caveman territory with a big bomb. You have around 90 seconds to chuck the bomb into the chamber where you hatched the baby dino. So ...

At the start of the run, head straight through the tunnel and into the dragon's lair, then left

down the ramp and up the dragon's tongue,

avoiding the big swinging globs of mucus as you go. Take the left-hand route inside, as you'll be unable to jump. Finally, run to the edge and you'll automatically throw the bomb -triggering the rising lava. Jump from

platform to platform without stopping to get to the exit.



**△** Ensure you don't wake up the Stonies sleepina outside.

Once > inside. take the left-hand route to reach the area you need to bomb.



## uga buga — Part Three

Time to chow down and stomp some ass...

**✓** Supersharp reflexes and a keen eye are vital.

2 MUGGED
There's little to say about this section other than race as fast as you can. You can use A to jump – which will prove very useful when attempting to get past the highly irritating dino.

You'll need to whack three cavemen in order to get your cash back. The first two will follow the same course - but on the third lap, a gate will close just past the second dino crossing, so veer right to chase Cavey. By the time you reach the final straight, the gate above the long ramp will be open. Jump at the ramp's peak to claim the final bundle of cash.

the cavemen, leg it to the B-pad in the arena - doublejump to avoid the big lizard if it gives chase. Turn to face the approaching dino, then, when he's about two steps away, press B to hypnotise him, then jump on his back.

You'll now be faced with oncoming bands of armed cavemen. The best way to tackle this is to split the pack, then single out any stragglers. It's always best to attack and retreat then attack again, but if you spot a few of them together near the edge, one lunge will send them plunging into the lava. The same applies to the spear-armed Uga Bugas - split the pack, then pick off the weak ones.

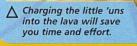


This can be a little frustrating. After the Raptor munches

First off, calmly stand and face the big brute from a distance. Wait, then jump his

shockwaves as he approaches. When Buga's near enough, he'll try to club you. As he raises his bone, lunge forward and bite his 'family jewels'. Ouch. Once his loin cloth is down around his ankles, nip round the back and chomp at his bare cheeks. Repeat three times and Buga will crash through the wall. Make a bee-line for the platform next to the hole to escape, making sure you get the cash on the way.

> ✓ Don't be impatient. Just stand there and wait for him to come to you. Jump his shockwaves and you'll be in prime position when he raises his bone.





Safe, back in familiar territory, but the natives are restless...

WASPS' REVENGE

It's just one problem after another in this place. This time those wasps are up to mischief by doing a runner with Mrs Bee's hive - again. Follow the cheeky blighters into the heart of their den, then jump into the central hive.

Now gun down wave after wave of incoming wasps - if they get too close you'll get stung. Use small bursts of fire, because if you run out of ammo it takes ages to reload. Be very light on the analogue, too, as it's rather sensitive.

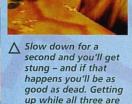
Once the swarm begins to subside you'll have to hop out of the hive, pick it up like before and high-tail it back to Mrs Bee. This is easy enough, but make sure you don't try to take a sneaky shortcut over the yellowtopped grass - it'll slow you down and make you-

vulnerable to a stinging.

Thanks to Mrs Bee's generous wad, you can now afford to pay Mr Barrel up by the windmill. Work your way up the hill, double-jumping the worms to reach him, then take a ride back down, squashing the worms as you go. At the bottom, Mr Barrel will smash through the river gate, granting you access to your ancestor's home..

Try not to shift your sights too wildly. Keep it steady and make minor adjustments from the central area of activity.





stabbing you is tricky.



You'd better believe it. This place might be freaky, but it has some of the most playable levels in the game.



You'll need this lever to open the main doors to the graveyard. It's at the top of the waterfall V through the small mineshaft.





From the locked door in the hallway, take the left-hand corridor, using headshots on all the zombies in the vicinity. Once in the library, look right and climb the ramp onto the upper level. From here, you can double-jump onto the bookcases to reach the B-Pad. Tap B and you'll bring out a crossbow - use it to kill the four bats in each corner.

Hop back onto the ledge above the library and run onto the balcony overlooking the dining room. Two more zombies to kill, then another B-Pad on wooden beams, and more bats. Once they're done for, follow the beams to the key, grab it, than retrace your steps back to the mansion's main door.

Using the key in the door will lower a bridge to the garden outside. To get there, take the righthand door from the hallway and follow the corridors and bridge to the centre of the garden maze. With the second key in hand, head back to the main door.

One key left. Climb the new ladder in the grinding room first. Jump right to pull the lever this opens your escape route - before reusing the ladder to reach the left-hand platform. Jump onto the base of the tap, then crouch-jump to nab the key. Follow the beams around to the exit, which leads back to the main hallway.



...and it's laser-

sighted too. Just

what you need

for those all-

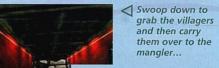
zombie-killing headshots. Nice.

important

Very much the same as the last run down by the windmill, except it's much faster and the course is trickier. Do yourself a favour by not accelerating too fast - you'll simply fall off the edge. Instead, use Bottom-C to get the camera

behind you, and steadily make your way down, crushing worms as you go. At the bottom, roll off the jetty, over to the island with water flowing down from it, and through the hole back to Birdy's home. Run back to Windy, and through the barbed wire door - it's on the way to the bee's hive.

Back off from any approaching zombie hordes - they're nasty in groups.

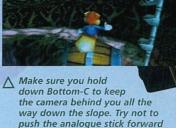


The more Count Batula drinks, the heavier he gets. Seven villagers should see him off.





Use the B-Pad to take out the bats in each corner.



too much as you'll speed out of control - and that ain't fun.

COUNT BATULA

jump and hover to safety.

rather useful shotgun.

Your task: feed villagers to your vampire grandfather so that he topples into the mangler by his own weight. Fly around the castle and drop guano onto the villagers' heads with B, then pick them up and drop them over the bloody, spiky rollers. Seven villagers will do the job.

In the tunnels, swim past Death and along until

Once in the graveyard, you'll need to take out

twelve zombies before the castle gates will open.

you reach a shaft - head inside, then jump to

activate the lever and open the gates to the graveyard. Chat to Death and he'll hand you a

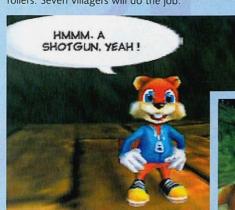
Either take high ground - inaccessible to the zombies - or put away your gun, run through the

start and pick them off one by one.

level to awaken the undead, then return to the

Finally, there's a winding path to negotiate.

Tiptoe until a skeletal worm appears, then crouch-





It's a dirty job, but someone has to do it. Wage war on the evil Tediz and knock the stuffing outta them.



push him under the wings of the crashed plane. Easy does it. One false move and you'll be blown to smithereens.

Get behind the lazy oik and





#### **POWER'S OFF**

The moment you enter the naval base, run straight forward and push the metal crate you see so that it lines up with the bottom of the ramp on the left. Next, leap into the water, and lead the electric eels through the little arches on the sea floor. A B-Pad will now rise up from the middle platform.

Head up the ramp near the level's entrance and you'll find a toilet door, and a creature inside carrying a barrel of TNT. Push him down the ramp and - if you positioned that crate correctly - he'll stop at the bottom. Now you have to

gently push Mr TNT around the clockwise path, sticking close to the outer wall to avoid the leaping crates, and pushing him quickly under the pounding blocks before they crash to earth. Once he sits down to rest, head for the B-Pad and shoot him up with your catapult.

crate to stop the TNTcarrying weirdo from falling into the water below the ramp.

Now head back to the bogs and fetch another Mr TNT. This time, push him along the anti-clockwise path - a path littered with mines. There is a pattern: the first two appear on the water side; the second pair are near the outer wall; the next two require you to push the TNT twixt them at an angle; and the last three require a zig-zag pattern between the path's edge and the outer wall.

Finally, head back to the B-Pad, detonate the TNT and head for the empty boat.

Once on the beach, simply run up to the left, then round to the right, stopping at the tank traps to protect yourself. When the guns pause, move on to the next trap and wait for the Tediz

to reload, before running on. After the cut-scene, use your new guns to shoot the lock off the door.

THE SURVIVOR

Your first taste of bayonet-wielding Tediz. Hold R and move using the C-buttons - this way you can score headshots more easily.

In the crate room, see off the uppermost Tedi first, then clean up his ground-based cohorts before crawling under the first set of lasers. Now, keeping your crosshair active, move very slowly through the level, making the Tediz emerge while keeping plenty of distance to blast them before you get spiked.

For the trickier lasers - where you need to leap through - it's best to crouch-jump, hover until Conker descends to the right altitude, then carefully ease the analogue forward to guide him through the gap between the red beams.

After entering the lift, you'll face flamethrowers and Tediz in abundance. Approach the fiery guys with caution and move on when their flame burst has stopped - and always use the laser sight. The more headshots the better here, as the Tediz attack in packs of up to six.

CASUALTY DEPARTMENT

Choose a corner to cover your back, then use your sight to pick off the demonic surgeons. Once that's done, run forward and pull the second lever to exit.

Now you're staring down the wrong end of a gun turret - quickly hide behind the crates. then run forward when the Tedi reloads. When you're behind the last set of boxes, wait for the reload again, then quickly climb the rope behind him and duck for cover behind the pipe. Make your way along the ledge to the B-Pad - now you can blow the fella out of his chair.

Speedily gather some chocolate, then jump

onto the gun turret, ready to blast away at wave after wave of Tediz approaching from the two corridors. They never attack from both sides simultaneously, and their numbers steadily diminish with each wave - just remember to reload after clearing each side and you'll



Head for the rope to reach the B-Pad and the handy rocket launcher that'll wipe the smile off his face.



From here on in, you're going to need a little more than a couple of Uzis and a cigar...



 The firstperson-sight mode is essential if you want to make it through this scenario in one piece.

Watch out for the shadows of incoming bombs on the floor to evade them successfully.







△ Get to the rubber dinghy and blow off the four locks on the

## 6 SAVING PRIVATE

Fairly easy, this. From your hiding place, angle your sights at the Tediz' head-height and fire, strafing left to mow them down. You've saved Private Rodent - now you can use him as a shield to negotiate the path. Duck behind him when one of the spidery mines crawls towards you, and look out for the shadows

of incoming bombs on the ground.

At the giant door, dive into the water and use the B-Pad on the raft to shoot the locks off. Finally, turn your sights to the parachuting Tediz to clear the way to the open door.

#### CHEMICAL WARFARE

Head straight for the tank and blow open the door directly opposite before heading in. On reaching the radioactive pools, jump forward then hover back in one motion - this'll trigger the advance of the spider mines, while leaving you safe on the other side. Repeat this three times, then pull the lever at the end of the corridor. Now leg it!



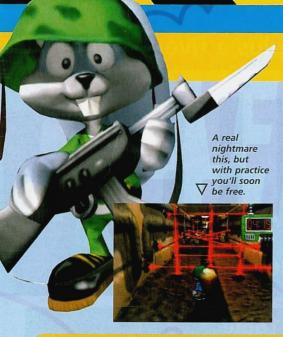
clearing the skies of any incoming missiles first, or you'll be sorry...

tower's visible leg and give the Tediz nearby something to chew on. Now drive forward and repeat the whole process for the next three bridges - you can use the raised bridge for cover from gunfire, remember. Ensure you neutralise local Tediz before exiting the tank each time - this is especially important when taking out the final tower leg, as the three bears on the far side can be a right pain.

Once the gun turret's out of action, proceed into the entrance below the tower.

**9 LITTLE GIRL**There's a little girl here, and you'll need to save her by heading over to the jetties that extend out





COUNTDOWN

10 It's back to the laser-filled corridor, then. Sigh.

Stick to the left-hand wall and hover through the first network of lasers, then crawl past the next few. Line up with the vertical gap ahead and crouch-jump, hover and descend to glide through.

Now climb the crate and repeat the jump-hoverglide process. Immediately, take out your shooters and use your sight to headshot the armed Tediz who emerge on the left. Be quick or be dead, indeed.

For the next laser grid, holster your gun and crawl along the edge of the crate to your left, between the horizontal beams. There's one more Tedi to blow the stuffing out of, before jumping onto the next crate, crawling under the first



beam and jumping over the second. Finally, shuffle your way under the last set of red lines.

Don't run for the door - it's booby-trapped. Instead, use the sight and strafe to headshot the Tediz here - uppermost bear first. Now make your exit.

BEACH ESCAPE

Utmost concentration is required here. There's a pattern to the way the Tediz emerge make a mental note of it on your first few runs. The best tactic is to hide behind a tank trap, strafe out and shoot, re-holstering your rocket launcher quickly to regain Conker's full running and jumping speed. Avoid confrontations if you can. With sharp reflexes and a smidgen of luck you'll make it in no time.

Slip into your sexiest leathers and go spank those weasels.

#### **ENTER THE VERTEX**

With the war over, head for the centre of the demolished windmill - you'll emerge on the other side of the impassable bridge near Poo Mountain. Let the Matrix rip-off commence! However, bear in mind that while Conker may look cool, he can't hover or put his guns away to jump anymore.

In the bank, use Berri to draw fire, then stand at the opposite side of the room and

repeatedly jump across it with B, firing at guards as you go. Reload between each jump, but don't take too long - the stone columns will gradually be blown apart by enemy gunfire.

After Berri deactivates all the laser traps, run to the vault and whack the money with your pan. After a bit, the Panther King will reveal himself...



Jump with the B-Padactivated slo-mo for accuracy



Some of the cut-scenes are fantastic, The Matrix.

With the security guards out of the way, it's time to grab the cash.

## **PANTHER**



Strangely enough, this boss isn't particularly hard. First of all, pull the lever to suck everyone else out of the room - Conker will then hop in the Aliens-style walker. The alien has two attacks. There's a tail

sweep, which is preceded by a high pitched shriek, and a vicious head-butt that follows a lower-pitched sound. Get used to these noises, as they'll allow you to predict his attacks and counter them accordingly. If he swings with his tail, tap the jump button, then tap B to punch him repeatedly. If he's about to bite you,

hold Z to block, then smack him when he pulls away. Once he's on the ground, grab him by the tail (Mario 64, anyone?), and rotate the analogue stick slowly to pick up speed before

> After three successful throws, the alien will be history, and Conker is free to rule the land.

Punch the living daylights out of the alien to knock him down, then grab the tail to swing him around.





Help and hints for the top ten and more, plus a fiver off a cart!

## Tips for the Top 10 N64 games with GAME



## **Conker's Bad Fur Day**

## EXTRA DEATHMATCH CHARACTERS

Enter the following cheat codes to bolster your choice of characters in the excellent multiplayer mode.

**Caveman EATBOX** 

**Conker WELLYTOP** 

**Neo Conker EASTEREGGSRUS** 

**Gregg the Grim Reaper BILLYMILLROUNDABOUT** 

#### FIFTY LIVES

Enter DRACULASTEABAGS on the codes screen for a whole load of extra lives. No excuse for not finishing the game now.



#### **GENERAL NAUGHTINESS**

Go on, admit it. You've tried putting rude words into games' cheat menus before, haven't you? Nothing happened, of course. But try it in Conker's and you may well be 'rewarded' for your despicable depravity with some cheeky comments. Those crazy Rare boys, eh?

## Banjo-Tooie

#### MYSTERIOUS SIGNS

Confused by the unreadable signs in Jiggywiggy's Temple? There's a hidden room that might shed some

light on the subject: simply walk through the mural behind Jiggywiggy to find it. Still confused? Go to Grunty's fortune-teller tent. At random (it'll probably take several goes) she'll give you the 'Getjiggy' cheat, which allows you to read



the signs.
These signs
tell you how
to find all the
Jiggies...

#### CHARACTER PARADE

There's a code in this month's free tips book which enables

you to see the character parade, but here's how to get it the proper way: collect all 90 Jiggies in the game. It's well worth checking it out – either way – since you get to see every character in the game strutting their stuff. Neat.

## The World is Not Enough



**Good** Bond, Christmas Jones, Valentin, Moneypenny, Robinson, M, Robert King.

Evil Davidov, Lachaise, Gabor, Bullion, Cigar Girl, Elektra King, Renard.

**Team Player** Bond, Gabor, Davidov, Robinson, M.

#### **CHARACTER TYPES**

Each character in TWINE has two attributes which come into effect when they're used as a bot in multiplayer games. Here's a breakdown on the various skins' behaviour. Assassin Renard, Elektra King, Cigar Girl.

**Collector** Christmas Jones, Bullion, Lachaise, Moneypenny.

Normal Robert King, Valentin.

## 👍 Zelda: Majora's Mask

#### COMPLETE SAKON'S HIDEOUT

This one can be difficult, if only because you only get one chance every three days. With Kafei, the idea is simply to position yourself or the movable blocks on the blue switches. Link should just wade

in there and dice up the Wolfos and Deku Baba he comes across. When playing as Kafei, don't tread on any switches that aren't blue in the second room.



Later, in the third room where you have to move the blocks, push the north block west, then the middle one north in order to reach the blue switch.

## **Star Wars: Battle for Naboo**

#### PLATINUM MEDALS

Want to know a little secret? There are medals beyond Gold. Well, Platinum to be exact. You'll have to acquire Golds

on all the missions to even have a crack at Platinum, which is no mean feat in itself. And Naboo doesn't even show you what



you need to get in order to earn the Platinums! Should you manage this incredible feat, you'll be rewarded with access to the beefy AAT, whose

secondary weapon is the projectile bomb, and the Swamp Speeder, a fast ship that looks a bit like a Flash Speeder.

## **Scooby Doo Classic Creep Capers**

#### SNOW JOKE

Confused by what to do next after donning the snowman's disquise and fooling the yeti? The idea is to head further along the icy path, then keep running right when you see the slalom

entrance in the distance. A newly-opened cave entrance will grant you access to a dog-

filled lair - be sure to have some juicy meat with you...

#### TIKI RUN

You'll probably die a few times at the hands of the Tiki Man on the beach - until you twig you should be running left to escape. Chink

left and right to dodge the sunbathers and you'll eventually reach Fred and the gang.



## **Pokémon Stadium**

#### ONE-WAY EXCHANGE

Want to give away 'mon without getting one in return? Simply place the desired critter in a box all on its own, then transfer that box to the '64 Box' on the N64 cart. Switch off the N64 and plug in the GB cart on which you wish to store the monster, and you'll be able to drag it over without hassle.



## **Mario Tennis**

#### PIRANHA COURT

The reward for completing the Piranha challenge with a perfect 50/50 score is.

unsurprisingly, the Piranha court. It has fifty tennis balls laid out like the finishing screen where the game displays your score at the end of the round.





In the foreground of the court is a Piranha plant. The ball speed on this court is normal, as is the bounce. However, you can't use it for actual tennis-playing...

## **Pokémon Puzzle League**



**DEFEAT SPA SERVICE** Here's something handy we've noticed about the tricky Spa

Service round. Jigglypuff will slow the upwards progress of your blocks every time you manage to get a combo. However, the thing to remember is that this works with any combo - no matter what the size - so it might be better to forget about setting up the bigger combos and instead focus on racking up loads of smaller ones to stave off your inevitable demise...

## **Turok: Rage Wars**

#### **UNLOCK BOSSES**

You can be certain boss characters in the multiplayer by completing some of the trickier trials.



Complete the Raptor, Mantid Drone and Guardian trials.

Play as Syra

Finish the Campaigner, Lord of

the Dead and Juggernaut trials.

#### Play as Symbiont

Complete the Fireborn, Mantid Mites and Oblivion Spawn trials.

Play as Tal'Set

Fight your way through the Mantid Soldier's trial to unlock the form of the original Turok.

## Tip for the top

Fresh cheats for future chartbusters

#### **EXCITEBIKE 64**

To access the cheat code menu, hold L, Right-C and Bottom-C in order, then press A. Now try out the following codes...

**Debug mode** IMGÖINGNOW Invincibility MOWER

**Big heads** BLAHBLAH Small heads PINHEAD **Stunt bonus** SHOWOFF Mirror mode YADAYADA **Unlock all tricks** and stunts

TRICKSTER



'Beat This!' mode **PATWELLS** Invisible riders
INVISRIDER Developer photo UGLYMUGS









Each month we'll be printing the very best Action Replay codes, including your own ones!

## **Bug's Life**

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**INFINITE HEALTH** 

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**INFINITE CASH** 

**MAXIMUM CREATION STATS** 

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No Mercy

Simon Garner, Wolverhampton

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**OPEN ALL COMBAT ARENAS** 

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**OPEN ALL COMBAT SCENARIOS** 

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UNLOCK ALL COMBAT WEAPONS

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## Beetle Adventure

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#### **UNLOCK MULTIPLAYER MAPS**

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#### CHEAT MENU

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Field of view	8002D017 0001
Horn	8002D018 0001
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Handbrake power	8002D01A 0001
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Got some Action Replay codes? Share them with us and you'll get an N64 pin badge as a reward!



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Send to: Action Replay codes N64 Magazine, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath, BA1 2BW. If you don't want to cut up your magazine, send a photocopy instead, and continue on another bit of paper if you run out of room.

## Here's my Action Replay code

It's for [game name]:

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Remember, the best one wins an Action Replay cart from Datel (01785 810826) and an exclusive N64 badge!

## Tip of the month

**1 WWF No Mercy**Fancy getting round the glitch that destroys your data? Clone the wrestler you're using for the Championships onto a memory card every time you play – even if the cart is wiped, he'll survive. Remember to do the same with any secret characters you've unlocked. Andrew French, Biggleswade



2 WWF No Mercy As a guest referee, hop onto the announcer's table and hold Left-C plus any direction on the analogue stick. Your character will vibrate, then slowly hover off the table into mid-air. The Floating Referee can go wherever he likes! Charles Hill, Leeds

3 TWINE On Underground Uprising, finish defusing the bomb at exactly



0:07. You'll hear a special message from R as well as receiving full health and body armour. Woohoo! Adrian Neil Shaw, Manchester

4 Perfect Dark Run forwards or backwards while using a targeted rocket from the rocket launcher. Go forwards and the blazing cylinder will go faster; backwards and it'll slow down. Use a Hoverbike and you can even make it reverse! Duncan White, Peterborough

5 Quake II In multiplayer, meet up and look at each other. Next, press A, B and Z together. Your



character will scratch himself. Naughty boy! Raj Lee Haithcock

Perfect Dark On Area 51: Rescue, lure a guard to the large brown door where the biotechnicians are. Disarm him and, hopefully, he will open the door – you can then access all the areas from the other Area 51 levels. Matthew Little, Fareham

Fighters Destiny
In the Master's challenge, load up from a Controller Pak with a few moves on it. Beat the Master. Next, select 'save and quit', but insert a new, blank Controller Pak. Go into training and you'll find you have a double dose of moves. Chris Hill, Bootle



**9** Perfect Dark Use any weapon on the firing range, then head up to the device lab and pick up the ECM mine. Hold A and select



the device, then tap A to switch to the weapon you used earlier! Alan Hynes, Ireland

10 ISS 64 If your keeper gets a free kick, boot the ball into your own goal and the opposing team





On Air Force One, Perfect Dark ignore the two blonde blokes and chase Trent. He won't disappear from the level, and will instead try to blow your head off. Tom Granville, Bridgwater

Wagner

**12** Tony Hawk's Skateboarding Head up a ramp, getting ready to do a handplant, but hold down jump. When you're halfway through the plant, let go of the jump button and your skater will go straight into a grind. Joe Sanders, Bodmin

13 Mario Party 2 On the Driver's Ed minigame, press Z before Lakitu starts the countdown. Your little vehicle will change into a jeep! Curtis Free, Telford

14 TWINE During the Midnight Departure level, kill Davidov and steal his mobile phone. Press Start and select 'Gadgets' to find a text message from no less than Renard himself... Paul Kacarevic, Coventry

T.Keegan

15 Pokémon Stadium To beat Mewtwo, feed Snorlax carbos, calcium and so on until he can take no more. Raise him up to level 70 until he learns Hyper Beam. With that move, Mewtwo will be toast in every bout. Matthew Bull, Lincolnshire



Found an interesting cheat, tip, secret bit or quirky thing to do in one of your games? Then send it to us immediately! Each month we'll compile a chart of the best and if you make it in, we'll send you a rather flash N64 pin badge. If you get the coveted Tip of the month' slot you'll get something extra special.

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## Here's my top tip

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## Eight challenges to test the best.

month with no PD challenges!? Could Rare's finest finally be falling out of favour?

Or has Game On simply exhausted the possibilities for laugh-packed Perfect Dark tasks?

Whatever the reason, we've still got plenty of great challenges, including ones for old favourites like Mario 64 and Lylat Wars, plus a couple for Majora's Mask. So get going – and when you're done, why not try to top your fellow readers' finest? The best will earn its creator a shiny Action Replay cheat cart!

## Civilian Slaughter







Heh heh. It may be decidedly cruel, yet we can't help but like this rather inventive challenge from Phillip Campbell in Edinburgh. Put your best Dark Mark hood on for a while and start a game on the first level, Courier, on Agent difficulty. Straight away, walk up to the alarm and activate it – as you'd expect, guards will appear and try to 'pop a cap' into you. The object from then on is to make the guards shoot all the

innocent bystanders, using as little of their ammunition as possible this can be done by positioning yourself so that there's a civilian between you and the attacking guard.

**BULLETS** USED







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## ZELDA: MAJORA'S MASK

## Fairy Hunter







Chris Stockton from Manchester was the first out of the bag with a Majora's Mask challenge this month. For this tricky task, you'll need to exit Clock Town as fast as you can and head for a

Gossip Stone. As playing the Song of Healing to a stone releases a red fairy, your mission is to run about, summoning as many fairies as possible before the dawn of the second day. You're not allowed to slow down time, but you can warp if you like, and use masks (such as the Bunny Hood) to help you gain some much-needed speed.

FAIRLES RELEASED







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## C the Light





Cheers to Andrew McCaskil from Lancing for this tricky little GoldenEye challenge. First, switch on the Gold PP7 cheat or select the Cougar Magnum, then head to Bunker 1 (Agent). Eliminate all the guards and cameras, then set about taking out every light in the level without using R to aim. You can only use the C-buttons to pitch your gun up and down, and you're only allowed one shot per light. If you miss, it's onto the next lamp. Once you've scampered through the entire level, count how many bulbs are still active and grade yourself accordingly.

LIGHTS MISSED









## ZELDA: OCARINA OF TIME

## Skeleton Slayer



A shout out to Liam Smith from Weymouth, whose challenge is a pretty straightforward affair but enjoyable nonetheless. Choose a particular area of Hyrule Field – the section just outside Lon Lon Ranch, for example – and

use the Ocarina to smother the world in darkness. You now have until dawn to hack down

as many Stalchildren as you can. Make a mental note of how many you've slain and award yourself a shiny medal for your efforts.

SKELETONS KILLED







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#### LYLAT WARS

#### Crash Challenge







Dan Redshaw from Derbyshire is the chap to thank for this bizarre and very tricky offering. Start a four-player game using any vehicles (but it's better if you all pick the same) and then – get this – try to destroy yourselves simultaneously without shooting each other. You can only crash into each other to reach this goal, so you'll have to perfect your teamwork skills to organise when and where to finish the deed. You are not allowed to crash into scenery to help you out on this one. Seems weird, yes, but if you pull it off, you'll get all due respect from us.

SIMULTANEOUS DEATHS



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#### **WWF NO MERCY**

#### Taunt Tactics







Cheers to Pete Hartree from Chichester for the only WWF-themed challenge this month. First, select Exhibition Mode and choose a single match. Turn everything off except for pins and submissions, and set the timer to 'no limit'. Now begin the match as normal, but obeying this rule: you may only use Taunt when your opponent is on the floor or dazed. The object is to get your character into Special mode and perform any of your Specials five times. Award yourself a medal according to the time taken to perform this task.

TIME (MINS)



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#### Trap door Challenge





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Joe Ward from Kent's task had us in a right pickle, and it goes like this. Go straight into the castle and head for the first big star door to the left as you reach the top of the stairs. Now head for the picture of Peach and leap before the trap door swallows you. It should then close beneath you, so you can land and jump again. The task? Pull off as many consecutive jumps as you can before you tumble into the level below. Double jumps and triple jumps count, but wall-kicks don't – and if you land anywhere other than on the trap door, it's game over.

TOTAL JUMPS



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#### **ZELDA: MAJORA'S MASK**

#### Doggy Throw







Ryan Tarr from Blackfield sent us loads of great challenges for Majora's Mask – but this one has to be our particular favourite. Head over to Mamamu Yan's Doggy Racetrack with the aim of throwing as many mutts out of the compound as you can within a time limit of two minutes. You are not allowed to use any masks at all. Award yourself the corresponding medal for the total number of dogs hurled out in the allotted time.

DOGS THROWN



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## Now it's your turn!

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o you have any weird ways of playing your favourite games? If you've got a nifty challenge that you'd like to share with N64 readers around the world, we'd love to hear about it. Write 100 words explaining what you've got to do, and set three suitable levels of achievement for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

#### **CHALLENGES WANTED!**

As well as all the usual games, we're particularly interested in Game On challenges for...

Star Wars: Battle for Naboo • Conker's Bad Fur Day • Banjo-Tooie • TWINE
We'll print the best of them right here, and send you a natty N64 pin badge for your trouble. What's
more, the top challenge each month wins an Action Replay cart from Datel (01785 810826 or
www.codejunkies.co.uk). Now you can't say fairer than that, can you!

Send your challenges to: Game On, N64 Magazine, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath, BA1 2BW.

A bit like the Top Gun trophy. But without the planes.

ovely. A new Mickey's Speedway league, more of your scores all over the shop, and the return of an old friend - Mirage joypads from Wild Things are once again up for grabs as a reward for gaming genius.

There are two ways to stand a chance of some new-pad action: knock our socks off with an anygame-you-choose Star Performance, or follow our lead with the Score to Beat below. Either way, get to it pronto!

Fresh challenges await! Send in your very best results for these:

## **BATTLE FOR NABOO**

(FASTEST LEVEL TIMES -WITH AT LEAST 25 KILLS)

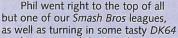
#### **BANJO-TOOIE**

(JUST YOUR MINIGAME TOTALS FOR NOW)





Respect (and a new Mirage joypad) to Merseyside's Phil Hughes. He may have incurred Steve's wrath by not enclosing a bit of paper bearing all his scores (meaning his tape was put in the sin bin on principle until said information arrived) but he came through in the end. And how.



results, too - and that's without mentioning his impressive performance a couple of issues back, jumping to the top overall in our PD table. Good stuff, Phil - now get on with working for your exams!

Fancy a spot of the Star Performance limelight yourself? Send us proof of some simply staggering gaming achievements, then, and you might even win a Mirage joypad courtesy of those nice folk over at Wild Things (029 2075 5774 or www.wild-things.co.uk). What are you waiting for?

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## NEW HIGH SCORE!

There may not have been quite a flood of contenders for the re-run of our Mickey's Speedway challenge, but Jonathan Mace from Hampshire's Malibu lap record of 0:34.24 was the quickest we received in time for this issue, and it's certainly of a good enough standard to earn him a Mirage joypad from Wild Things. Nice work, Jonathan!

#### THIS MONTH'S SCORE TO BEAT



Banjo-Tooie! In the shops now! Time, then, for a spot of Score to Beat-ing, with a Mirage joypad for the winner. Just improve on Steve and Alan's paltry scores of 57 and 55 on the Balloon Burst and Mini-Sub minigames. The very best entry wins the controller. Simple as that. Get your proof in very soon and we'll print the winner in N64/57. Go! Go!

## The World is Not Enough



#### BEST AGENT MODE TIME

- Ashley Wright, Ilkley
- David Morris, Wallasey

#### KING'S RANSOM

- David Morris, Wallasey
- 2 This could be you!

#### THAMES CHASE

Ashley Wright, Ilkley

#### UNDERGROUND.

- 2:52 David Morris, Wallasey
- This could be you!
- This could be you!

#### **COLD RECEPTION**

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- 3:59 David Morris, Wallasey
- 3 This could be you!

### Track & Field



#### 100M DASH

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- 8.68s Corrinna O'Dwyer, London
- 9.28s Tony Dunster, London
- 9.28s Mark Dunster, London

#### 110M HURDLES

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- 12.68s Darren Bolton, Lincolnshire
- Carl Hutchings, Peterboro' 12.68s

#### TRIPLE JUMP

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- 19.10m George Vaughan, Coventry
- 19.09m Andrew Witham, Glos
- 19.09m Edward Smith, Trowbridge
- 19.09m Kevin Holland, Guernsey

#### HAMMER

- 101.25m Darren Bolton, Lincs
- 101.24m Per Strand, Sweden
- 3 101.22m Darren Le-warne, Hants

#### 100M FREESTYLE

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- 0'46"29 Liam O'Connell, Dorking
- 0'46"33 Carl Hutchings, Peterboro'

#### 100M BREASTSTROKE

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- 1'00"64 Carl Hutchings, Peterboro'
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#### HORIZONTAL BAR

- 10.00pts Stuart Richards, Dorking
- 10.00pts Nicholas Hughes, Scotland
- 9.99pts Darren Le-warne, Hants
- 9.99pts Carl Hutchings, Peterboro'

#### TRAP SHOOTING

- 444pts Per Strand, Sweden
- 432pts Ashley Wright, Yorkshire
- 432pts Oliver Donnelly, Suffolk

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

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- 11079 Darren Bolton, Lincs
- 3 11046 Nick Dow, Bradford

## **Perfect Dark**



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5	1'03"660	Matthew Sexton, Bedford
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2	1'41"300	Kieran Warden, Co. Galway
3	1'46"820	Thomas Hower, Denmark
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2	1'25"320	Kieran Warden, Co. Galway

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#### RIDGE RACER EXPERT

2'11"580 Jan-Erik Spangberg, Sweden 2'22"720 Kieran Warden, Co. Galway

2'29"560 Thomas Hower, Denmark REVOLUTION EXPERT

2'33"120 Jan-Erik Spangberg, Sweden 2'54"400 Kieran Warden, Co. Galway

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3	1'18"399	Adam Tucker, Great Yarmouth	3	1'52"315	Damien Golding, Watford

## **Pokémon Snap**



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2	281330	Aidan Walters, Doncaster
3	280710	Miss I. Glover, Chorley
4	277150	Craig Yip, Liverpool
5	275170	Nayaab Islam, London
6	274490	Keith Vacher, Hampshire
7	271650	Daniel and Liam Allsworth, Oxford
8	271190	John Sanderson, Telford
9	265250	Rosie Holliday, Kent
10	263410	Hedley Gabriel, Essex



## **Mario Golf**





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## Star Wars Episode 1: Racer



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#### **How to enter**

Remember, you need to send in a photo or video for your effort to be confirmed. Any photos MUST have your name, address and score/time on the back. A phone number would number of stamps) and we'll promise to do our best to also be appreciated. Videos must have a label attached, with return them to you. all of the aforementioned information easily legible.

Pack up your bits and send them all to: I'm the Best, N64 Magazine,

30 Monmouth Street, Bath, BA1 2BW.

If you'd like to have your videos or photographs back, please include a stamped, addressed envelope (with the correct

And remember, each issue of the mag has to be completed far earlier than you could ever imagine, so don't fret if your entry doesn't appear in the first issue after you put your stuff in the post - it'll be there in the next one.

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f Skill Club were a person, sitting opposite you right now, you'd probably notice its healthy tan and big smile, not to mention a lovely relaxed aura, as a result of its little holiday last month. It would be friendlier, more jovial and generally stress-free. But one thing it wouldn't be is any less demanding. Oh no. It still wouldn't bend the rules, it still wouldn't allow under-performers through its doors and it still

wouldn't lower its standards. Skill Club would still be the place where only the greatest N64 gamers are listed.

Entry into SC's hallowed halls is difficult, that's a given but it's certainly not impossible, either. So select a handful of challenges, pull out all the stops to prove you're up to the job, then send us photo or video evidence. Use the form below and mark the envelope 'Skill Club'.

For your labours, not only will you receive recognition the world over, but everyone also gets a natty N64 pin badge, plus a Skill Club certificate to pin on the wall. Gold-standard clubbers get a Gamester Advanced Controller or a Gamester Tremor Pak with 1Mb memory, too (tell us which you'd like), and for those who

climb the peaks of the Platinum Club, there'll be a limited-edition N64 T-shirt, to help keep them warm at such amazing gaming altitude.

- You need to accomplish three challenges to earn yourself a Bronze placing, seven for Silver, ten for Gold and 14 to make it into the Platinum list.
- You can enter whichever challenges you like it is entirely up to you.
- You can use PAL or NTSC copies of the game, but if you opt for NTSC you'll have to achieve the faster of the two listed times in Mario Kart and Wave Race
- Each challenge entered must be accompanied by photographic or video proof.
- We know how to recognise the influence of cheat carts and codes. Offenders will be held up to ritual humiliation and stoned out of the country by zealous citizens.
- You can enter the leagues in stages if you wish. If you've made it into the Bronze league, just send us further proof to elevate yourself to a loftier position. Remember to tick the upgrade box!
- Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum leagues will be published in each future edition of N64.
- If you'd like your tapes or photographs back, please include a stamped, addressed envelope.

#### **HOW TO...** prove your achievements

#### Taking photographs

Point at the screen and click away. For best results, turn off or cover up the flash (it will reflect off the screen), draw the curtains and use a fast film – 200 or, best of all, 400 ASA.

#### Taking videos

- 1. Take the lead that connects your N64 to your TV and plug it into the 'Signal In' socket on the back of Take the lead that connects your N64 to your TV and progression video.

  Connect the 'Signal Out' socket on your video to your TV and turn both on.

  Switch your TV to the video channel and switch on your N64 with a game plugged into it.

  Find a spare channel on the video's tuning mechanism and look for the N64 signal. Save the setting.

  Achieve your challenge and get to the appropriate result screen.

  Pop in a tape and press 'record'. Press 'Stop' after five seconds or so.

  Repeat steps 5 and 6 according to the number of challenges you're attempting.

  Rewind the tape to the beginning of your evidence (so we can see your scores quickly and easily).

  Ind that's about it.

**ENTRY FORM** 

	F-Zero X	Zelda
	ISS '98	GoldenEye 007
	Rogue Squadron	M Pilotwings
1	Super Mario 64	N Donkey Kong 64
	E Turok: Rage Wars	Resident Evil 2
	F Lylat Wars	Mario Golf
	Quake II	Shadowman
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	1080°	Smash Bros
	J Mario Kart	World Driver

Please send my badge and certificate to: Name				
Address				
		Hey folks! I	'm upgrading! 🗆	

Use a photocopy of this form if you'd rather not cut your copy of N64 Magazine.

#### challenge 🛕

#### challenge (B) F-Zero X

The Legend of Zelda

What you must do: Get a time of under 50 seconds on

**Proof:** A photo of your time, shown on the info screen after

Helpful tips: The DGG+ free with issue 22.



What you must do: Catch the Hylian Loach (using the sinking lure)

Proof: An in-game photo, showing Link holding the Loach, with the weight displayed.

Helpful tips: The DGG+ with issue 26 will tell you all.



challenge B



ISS '98 challenge (L

GoldenEye 007

What you must do: Finish all the scenarios. **Proof:** A photo of the two completed Scenario screens. Helpful tips: There's the review in issue 20. And, um, that's it. You're on your own here.

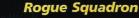


What you must do: Unlock all 23 cheats. Proof: A photo of the unlocked cheats. From the, er, cheats Helpful tips: i-Spy magazine with N64/9, tips in N64/10

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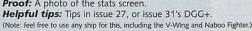
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**Pilotwings** 

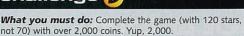
What you must do: Score over 95% accuracy on the first level, Ambush at Mos Eisley. **Proof:** A photo of the stats screen



What you must do: Score over 3,550 points in total. **Proof:** Photographs of both the main mission select screen and the bonus mission select screen, with all points displayed. Helpful tips: There's a guide in issue 6, and loads of help in the DGG+ found free with issue 19.



challenge (D)



**Proof:** A photo of the records screen, showing your coin totals for every world.

Helpful tips: Issues 1-5 and there's also issue 15's DGG+.

challenge (N Super Mario 64

What you must do: Grab all 201 bananas and complete 101% of the game. **Proof:** A photo of the information from the pause screen.

Helpful tips: You'll find everything you need to know in issues 37, 38 and 39.



challenge 🖪

Turok: Rage Wars

challenge (0)

What you must do: Unlock every character in the game

Proof: A photo of the character select screen. Helpful tips: Mark's lovely review in issue 35, and accompanying tips in N64/38.



What you must do: Get an 'A' rating on Leon's main

Proof: A photo of the final screen, showing your rating. Helpful tips: There's a full walkthrough in issue 38.



challenge (F

What you must do: Get 270 or more hits on the first level, Corneria

**Proof:** A photo of your best score from the Ranking screen. Helpful tips: The free poster magazine with N64/8, and DGG+ 2 (free with issue 13).

Lylat Wars challenge (P)

> What you must do: Get all 108 Birdie Badges. Proof: A photo of the Play Mode select screen. Helpful tips: Mr Kitts fashioned a lovely DGG+ for issue 48.



challenge (6

What you must do: Beat the first level - Strogg Outpost in under 35 seconds.

Proof: A photo of the stats screen, which appears after you finish the level. Mint.

Helpful tips: Review in issue 32, tips in issue 33. Luvverly.

challenge (0) Quake II

> What you must do: Collect all 120 Dark Souls. **Proof:** A photo of the pause screen, showing your total Dark

Helpful tips: Tips in issue 33, plus the tips book with issue 34. (Note: there are actually around 123 Dark Souls in the game, but 120 will do.)



challenge (1)

What you must do: Beat a time of 1'34" (PAL) or 1'23" (NTSC) on the Southern Island course

Proof: A photo of the stats screen, clearly showing your time. Helpful tips: Plenty o' help in N64/2, and have a 'decko' at the DGG+ on the front of issue 14.



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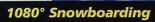
What you must do: Reach Mizar's asteroid (by rescuing all the tribals and finding all ship parts). **Proof:** A photo of the asteroid on the map screen.

Helpful tips: There are tips in issues 35 and 36, and also in the Double Game Guide+ free with issue 38.



Jet Force Gemini

challenge (1)



challenge 🚺

Super Smash Bros

What you must do: Beat a time of 1'20" in Golden Forest, the trickiest of tracks.

Proof: A photo of the records screen.

Helpful tips: The Double Game Guide+ free with issue 22 is stacked with fruity help. Yes.



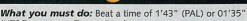
What you must do: Unlock all four secret characters (Luigi, Ness, Jigglypuff and Captain Falcon).

**Proof:** A photo of the Character Select screen.

Helpful tips: The tips in issue 37 will tell you how to unlock the secret characters.



challenge ()



(NTSC) on Koopa Troopa Beach. **Proof:** A picture of the records screen, showing your time. Helpful tips: The help-filled review in issue 4, tips in issue 5 and the DGG+ with issue 13 will all help.



challenge 📊

What you must do: Unlock the '99 Mystic A car (done by winning the GT1 Championship)

**Proof:** A photo of the unlocked car at the vehicle selection

Helpful tips: Some hints adorn the tips section of issue 34.





#### PLATINUM complete 14 challenges Club

Anthony Woods, Wolverhampton Matthew Hall, Ruislip Richard Milham, Wolverhampton David Cittern, Middlesex Andrew McGrae, Southport Matthew Weston, Nottingham
Dan Masters, Australia Gary Brawn, Cheshire Justin Badger, Wolverhampton

## SILVER Club complete 7 challenges

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Jamie Chambers, Cheshire	A,D,E,H,K,L,P
Mike Richards, Westbury	B,G,H,L,N,R,S
Martin Flynn, Kent	D, J, K, L, M, N, R
Alex McIver, Edinburgh	A, C, D, L, M, N, S
Lorne Tietjen, Woking	D, E, F, H, I, J, O
Riki Taylor, New Zealand	C,G,I,K,N,R,S
Stephen Woods, Lanarkshire	A,C,D,E,G,J,L
The Alliance (c/o Richard Granville), Bridgend	C,G,L,N,P,R,S
Colin White, Derbyshire	G,H,J,L,N,R,S
Simon Nash, Watford	H,L,N,P,R,S,T
Georgio Venturino, Italy	C,E,L,N,Q,R,S
Scott Houston, Co. Antrim	D,F,I,K,L,N,R,S
James McDermott, Australia	C, E, G, I, L, N, Q, R
Andrew Simmonds, Waterlooville	A,B,E,G,J,L,N,P,S

## GOLD Club complete 10 challenges

Gary Carney, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	A,C,D,G,K,L,O,P,R,S
Jonathan Bird, Suffolk	C, E, G, I, J, N, O, P, Q, R
Craig Silcocks, Trowbridge	B,C,D,G,H,J,L,N,R,S
Ben Wells, Suffolk	C, E, G, I, J, N, O, P, Q, R
Jamie Hobbs, Thetford	A,D,E,J,K,M,N,P,R,S
Chris Caufield and Sam Moorhouse, Halifax	C,G,K,L,N,P,Q,R,S,T
Jan-Erik Spangberg, Sweden	A, C, E, G, H, I, L, P, R, S
Kostas A. Mitzithras, Greece	B,C,H,J,L,N,P,R,S,T
Joseph and Jerry Murphy, Co. Cork	A,B,C,G,H,L,N,O,R,S
Christophe Zerathe and Thomas Grand, Switzerland	C,D,I,K,L,N,P,R,S,T
George Ransley, Southampton	C,D,E,G,H,K,L,M,N,S
Joel Fuller, Australia	C,D,E,G,H,I,K,L,N,P,R,S

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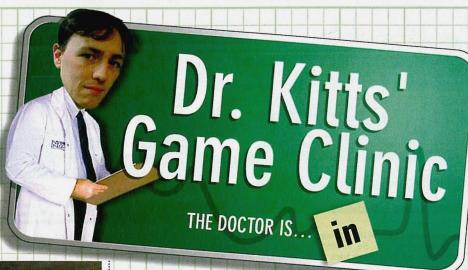
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	Lorenz Pasch, London	B,L,P
	Damien Plumb, Cambridge	L,N,P
	Jonathan Walker, West Midlands	K,R,S
	Christopher Simon Davies, Walsall	B,H,P
	William Clifton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	L,Q,5
	Anders Tonsberg, Norway	L,P,S
	Christopher Fennelly, London	L,R,S
	Matthew Wilkins, Malmesbury	A,G,K
	Matthew Sexton, Bedford	C,P,S
	Janne Kaitila, Finland	D,R,S
	James McGuigan, Co. Armagh	L,P,R
	Hedley Gabriel, Essex	L,N,S
	James Talbot-Hammond, Farnham	C,R,S
	Chris Lowe, Tyne & Wear	A,L,R
	Morten Tronstad, Norway	N,R,S
	Daniel McGarrigle, Ireland	L,N,R
	Thomas Beesley, Burton-on-Trent	C,R,S
	James Fowler, Staffordshire	N,R,S
	Alexander Davies, Wales	L,R,S
	Ciarán O'Mara, Dublin	C,R,S
	Adam Bull, Leeds	E,P,R
	Matthew Hart, Holland	C,L,S
	Simon Hynard, Norwich	C,P,R
	Michael Oakes, Nantwich	C,Q,R
	Stewart McIver, Edinburgh	C,N,S
	Neil Coffey, East Kilbride	N,P,S
	Mark Hall, Newport	E,L,S
	Martyn Cook, Ayrshire	C,K,S
	Karl von der Luehe, Surrey	B,P,S
	John Calderon, Lanarkshire	G,R,S

Ben Wilkins, Australia	C,H,L
Martin Gore, Dublin	N,P,S
Stephen Hibbs, London	L,R,S
lan Calderwood, Harpenden	E,L,T
Nader Kohbodi, Anglesey	B,P,S
Bobby Matthews, Kingston-upon-Thames	C,L,S
John Burke, Bromley	H,N,P
Alex Hellowell, St Albans	K,L,S
Andrew McQuillan, Australia	C,N,R
Tim Witney, Essex	L,N,O
Chris Eaves, Newport Pagnell	L,S,T
Mark Timlin, Sunderland	J,K,S
David Morris, Merseyside	B,G,L
David Coleman, Ireland	E,G,S
Stuart Barrett, Manchester	C,N,P
Nicole Thiele, Australia	K,N,S
Leigh Chambers, Warrington	D,K,L
John Gallagher, Ayrshire	A, L, S
Matthew Prior, Norfolk	N,Q,R
James Broyd, Surrey	H,J,S
David King, Kent	N,P,S
Steve Wilkes, Oxfordshire	E,R,S
Tom Magee, BFPO 39	L,N,S
Daniel and Liam Allsworth, Oxford	G,P,R
Marcus Lindberg, Dubai	H,J,S
Tara Tietjen, Woking	F,H,I,J
David Conroy, Accrington	C,N,R,S
Matthew Li Kam Wa, Lancashire	C,F,L,S
Ruben Larsen, Norway	I,K,N,R
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Sheldon Marsh, Somerset	C,F,N,S
Dylan Foale, Devon	C,L,M,R

Kasper Bruun, Denmark	C,G,L,Q
Turo Halinen, Finland	C,D,R,S
Chris Scott, London	G,L,P,R
Matt Swales, Australia	L,P,R,S
Luke Wilson, Stourport-on-Severn	L,P,S,T
Anthony Coombes, Bridgwater	E,G,L,Q
James O'Leary, London	C,E,G,L
Raymond Wegman, Holland	P,Q,R,5
Kimmo Kartasalo, Finland	C,N,R,S
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Guy Taylor, Peterborough	J,K,L,R
Patrick King, Coventry	C,K,L,S
Michael Wakely, Exeter	D,L,R,S
Alicia Thompson, Sheffield	A,B,C,L,O
Chris Bartlett, Kent	A, D, J, L, S
Daniel Nolan, London	K,L,P,R,S
David Ainscough, Australia	L,P,R,S,T
Chris Richards and Michael Petch, Doncaster	C,G,K,L,S
David Furness, Edinburgh	C,G,K,L,P
Stephen Larner, Stoke-on-Trent	C,N,O,Q,R
Peter Bottomley, Cheshire	J,L,N,O,R
Peter Barrett, Co. Armagh	F, I, L, P, R
Owen Flanders, Suffolk	J,L,N,O,S
Richard Kelly, Yorkshire	B,G,L,O,Q
Simon Johanssen, Sweden	A, E, L, N, P, R
Richard Jenkins, Scotland	B,C,H,K,L,R
Mark Poulter, Warrington	C,H,J,L,N,5
Robin Bradley, Basingstoke	I, J, K, L, N
Owen Flanders, Worlingham	J,L,N,O,5
lain Smith, Staffordshire	C,H,J,L,P

Here's the man who'll cure your gaming ills - just don't expect a

charming bedside







Dr Kitts suddenly worries about his oversized head.

You'll be needing the Mask of Scents for this one. Pop it on and have a shufty around the entrance to Southern Swamp, then bottle the coloured gas you find and deliver it to the hag in the Potion Shop. Next step is to give the resulting blue concoction to Shiro in Ikana Canyon you'll have to use the Lens of Truth to see him, mind - and the excellent mask will be yours.

get the Duel level for ages. How's it

In Perfect Dark, I've been trying to

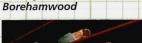
done, eh?

Scott Oliver, Midlothian

Dr Kitts sits in the corner, growing his hair.

It's not too tricky, really. You have to earn bronze medals on all the weapons in the firing range. Now, I emphasise all here, since you'll have to grab every last weapon in the game - including the secret ones like Trent's Magnum, the DY375-LX, which you win by disarming Trent when he's about to kill the President on Crash Site: Confrontation.

Dr Kitts, How do I unlock extra stuff in WWF No Mercy? Sam Ryan-Proudfoot,





Dr Kitts performs a Frog Splash off the turnbuckle.

The best way to unlock the characters is in Survival Mode, Sam. Play through the mammoth match until the thirtieth or so wrestler appears - then the extra folk start coming thick and fast. Well, thick anyway. To get your mitts on the extra weapons and moves, make use of the fastest ways to earn money in Survival Mode, a pin will earn you WWF\$300, and throwing someone from the ring will reward you with WWF\$150.

Dr Kitts, In Hercules: The Legendary Journeys, I can't beat the third minotaur. Please help me. Ian Hodges, Maidenhead

Dr Kitts burps and a wisp of smoke comes out.

For this one, lan, the key is in the scenery You'll have to break the stone pillars to create waterfalls of lava. However, whatever you do, don't break all four of them else the whole place will be flooded with lava and you'll cop it good and proper. So, break three of them, then punch old bullhead until he's dazed.

Next, throw him into one of the lava streams. Problem solved.

On GoldenEye's Statue level, I can't find the flight recorder. Where is it? David Warner, Sheffield

Dr Kitts lets a silvery tear roll slowly down his wrinkled cheek.

Ah, happy days. Seeing as lots of you must be picking up this classic at a budget price, I'll answer this query. For old time's sake. When the helicopter blows up (sniffle), look for a yellow box at the bottom of the slope. It'll be in a different place each time you play (blub, blub), but if you go too far, you'll be told that the box couldn't have gone that far. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to be alone ...



Got a gaming query?

Doesn't matter how small or how precise, write in to Dr Kitts for the answer. Detail your problem in the box provided (use a separate piece of paper if necessary) and post it off to: 30 Monmouth Street, Bath, BA1 2BW.

Dr Kitts' Game Clinic,

**Good afternoon Doctor...** 

I've got this terrible gaming affliction - it's like this...

and I live at



# So, where can you find the most up-to-date N64 games directory ever? Right here, that's where!

## How it all works

We reviewed some of the games in Directory over FOUR years ago. So, while they might have deserved their mark back then, some of them have been superseded by newer games. Our Star Mark shows how we feel the game fares now, rated out of five.

It's super-easy to see whether the game in question got a Star Game Award (85% or over). If it did, we recommend you buy it!

#### CAMPER 64

Publisher © Price © No. of players © rumble pak © Type of save © expansion pak © Issue reviewed © Reviewer (see opposite)



Not a game themed around Paul's VW bus, but a deathmatch-based shooter where the object is to stay in one key place for as much of the game as you can, all the while vehemently denying your goalhanging status in as many ways as possible until you get that kill.

As Steve will bitterly testify, you'll have to square up against some tough detractors, so don't waste precious time with the naïve defence of "What's 'camping'?"

This panel includes handy info, like whether a game uses a Rumble, Controller or Expansion Pak.

Here we tell you whether you should buy the game or not, in a quick and informative fashion. You can rest assured, we know our games and we know how to tell if a title's good.

For every Star Game, you'll also find a tip, packed like tuna into this nice and concise space. Handy as a bag lady!

#### Know your reviewer

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#### HIGHLY RATED

The top five games in Directory. Masterpieces every one. Send in your



**TUROK 2 95%** 

#### **UK Game releases**

#### 40 WINKS

2 71%

GT • £55 • 1/2 players • rumble pak ● controller pak ● expansion pak ● Issue 35 ● MK

Good-looking, professional but totally uninspired and only marginally enjoyable 3D adventure.

#### 1080° SNOWBOARDING

Nintendo • £40 • 1/2 players o rumble pak on cart o Issue 21 o MK



It takes a while to get into, but stick with it and that familiar Nintendo magic shines through.

In Match race, beat the six courses on expert to unlock Deadly Falls.

#### A BUG'S LIFE

Activision © £40 © 1 player © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 39 © JB

Absolutely awful 3D 'adventure'. Avoid like true evil itself.

#### **AERO FIGHTERS ASSAULT**

Konami © £55 © 1/2 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 16 © MK

Good in spells, but flawed and disappointing at length. Feels realistic but is too dull, too often.

#### **AERO GAUGE**

ASCII ● £55 ● 1/2 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● Issue 17 ● MK

A real stinker of a Wipeout clone with pop-up, cheating opponents and terrible controls.

#### ALL-STAR BASEBALL

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 22 © TW

A meticulously put together baseball sim, with hi-res graphics and ultra-detailed gameplay.

#### **ALL-STAR BASEBALL 2000**

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 28 © MG

Not much of an update but still quite impressive.

#### **ALL STAR TENNIS**

Ilhi Soft @ £40 @ 1-4 players © on cart © Issue 26 © MK

Schizophrenic tennis game that can't decide whether it wants to be sim or arcade.

#### **ARMORINES**

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 37 © JB

Tonnes of potential, but let down by woeful visuals and peashooter-style weapons.

#### ARMY MEN: SARGE'S HEROES

3DO ● £4O ● 1-4 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● expansion pak ● Issue 36 ● JB

A brilliant idea - toy soldiers fight it out - is let down by sloppy execution.

#### **ASTEROIDS HYPER 64**

Crave • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak on-cart olssue 38 JB

Dull and repetitive arcade update for retro enthusiasts only. Don't give it the time of day.

#### **AUTOMOBILI LAMBORGHINI**

Titus • £20 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • Issue 10 • TW

Not bad, just competent.

#### **BANJO-KAZOOIE**

Nintendo/Rare © £50 © 1 player © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 18 © JA



Rare's mastery is once again demonstrated in this vast, stunningly beautiful Mario-alike.



After you've drained the sandcastle in TTC, return to Banjo's house and look up at the picture of Bottles to play a puzzle game.

#### **BANJO-TOOIE**

81%

Rare © £45 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 54 © MG

Rare's beautiful brand of platforming is looking slightly old hat these days...

#### BATMAN OF THE FUTURE

Ubi Soft • £30 • 1 player • rumble pak o no save (
Issue 49 o AM

Lamentably retro sideways-scrapper that's over before it's begun.

#### BATTLETANX

74% 3

300 • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • Issue 26 • TW

Strangely compulsive multiplayer tank blaster.

#### **BATTLETANX GLOBAL ASSAULT**

3DO ● £4O ● 1-4 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● lssue 4O ● JB

Tremendous multiplayer shenanigans marred by a boring single-player game.

#### BATTLEZONE

Crave • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • expansion pak • Issue 40 • JB

Sprawling but slow, complex and uninvolving mix of Command & Conquer and Quake.

Squillions of shortcuts and stacks of detail.

#### **BIO FREAKS**

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GT 💿 £40 💿 1/2 players 💿 rumble pak on cart Issue 20 JA

Looks excellent but shallow gameplay.

#### BLAST CORP

Nintendo/Rare © £20 © 1 player on cart controller pak lssue 5 JS





One of the most original games on the N64, and one vou're almost certain to enjoy.

Re-enter a race after 'doing' it to race against your very own ghost.

#### **BLUES BROTHERS 2000**

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Titus © £40 © 1/2 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 46 © AM

About as bad as the movie. Purchase at your peril.

#### BODY HARVEST

Gremlin © £20 © 1 player © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 22 © TW





Brilliant shoot-'em-up with stacks of bugbashing, tonnes of vehicles and huge worlds



Start a game with your name as ICHEAT. Press Left-C, A, Top-C, Down on the D-pad, Right-C, Right on the D-pad to fly.

#### BOMBERMAN 64

Hudson/Nintendo © £20 © 1-4 players © on cart © Issue 8 © ZN

Tedious one-player mode and awful multiplayer.

#### BOMBERMAN HERO

Nintendo ● £40 ● 1 player ● rumble pak ● on cart ● Issue 21 ● TW

Uninspiring 3D adventure, but compulsive at times. Up against Banjo, mind, it looks rubbish.

#### **BUCK BUMBLE**

Ubi Soft © £50 © 1/2 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 20 © JP

Dodgy graphics, unconvincing controls, but not the worst shoot-'em-up we've ever played.

#### **BUST-A-MOVE 2**

80%

Acclaim © £40 © 1/2 players © controller pak © Issue 17 © JA

One of the best puzzle games in the world, and certainly the finest so far on the N64.

#### **BUST-A-MOVE 3**

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 24 © MK

Bust-a-Move as it's always been, except for a simultaneous four-player mode. Recommended.

#### CARMAGEDDON 64

SCi © £40 © 1/2 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 36 © TW

This will violate your very soul with its shocking awfulness. Absolute dog turd.

#### CASTLEVANIA

Conami 💿 £40 🔘 1 player © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 27 © JB

Learn to live with the ropey camera and the 3D Castlevania delivers shocks aplenty. Spook!

#### CASTLEVANIA LEGACY OF DARKNESS

Konami @ £40 @ 1 player o rumble pak o controller pak o Issue 38 o JB

Revamped version of the original, with two new characters and extra levels.

#### **CENTRE COURT TENNIS**

3 **67%** 

Hudson ● £40 ● 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 25 © TW

Not the tennis game we were hoping for. We still yearn for a 64-bit version of Super Tennis.

#### **CHAMELEON TWIST**

2 **70%** 

Ocean © £40 © 1-4 players © on cart © Issue 10 © JD

Thrills and spills but it won't take you long to finish. The multiplayer game is okay, mind.

#### **CHAMELEON TWIST 2**

Sunsoft © £40 © 1 player © controller pak © rumble pak © Issue 26 © MG

Unimaginative, short-lived platform dross. With no multiplayer it'll last you all of two hours.

#### **CHARLIE BLAST'S TERRITORY**

Kemon @ £35 @ 1-4 Players © rumble pak © Issue 30 © MG

Creaky old Amiga game, Bombuzal, given a most basic tarting up with dodgy 3D graphics.

#### CHOPPER ATTACK

GT @ £50 @ 1 player @ rumble pak o on cart o

A simple yet engrossing helicopter shoot-'em-up, very much in the Desert Strike tradition. Top!

#### **CLAYFIGHTER 63%**

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Interplay © £20 © 1/2 players © on cart © Issue 9 © JB

As painful as a game where you have red hot needles shoved into your eyes. Very, very hard.

#### COMMAND & CONQUER

Nintendo @ £40 @ 1 player @ rumble pak 🔵 on cart 🔵 expansion pak 🔊 Issue 32 💿 TW

It's four years old on the PC and this conversion is nothing special. Good but never spectacular.

#### **CONKER'S BAD FUR DAY**

THQ • £60 • 1-4 players • rumble pak on cart classe 53 of GE





Shoddy in places, but crude jokes, smooth play, movie spoofs and a top multiplayer make it unputdownable.

TOP TIP

Missing some moolah? Try the top of the tower near the swearing cog.

#### CRUIS'N USA

24% 1

Nintendo 🍑 £20 🚳 1 player 🔘 rumble pak on cart older Issue 13 of TW

Dump. Less about driving, more a rule book on how to cock-up console games.

#### **CRUIS'N WORLD**

38% 1 Nintendo/Midway © £20 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 20 © TW

Why Nintendo put their name to this appalling sequel is a mystery of Area 51 proportions.

#### CYBERTIGER WOODS GOLF

EA 🗆 £40 💿 1/2 players 🔘 rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 40 © TW

Not-bad golf game, complete with wacky power-ups and rubbish control system.

#### DAIKATANA

**67%** 

Kemco © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 41 © JB

Very average Quake-clone with RPG titbits.

#### DARK RIFT

Vic Tokai © £20 © 1/2 players © on cart © Issue 9 © JD

Uninspiring special moves and similar characters. Nicely animated but, ultimately, really rather dull.

#### **DESTRUCTION DERBY** 3

THQ • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • Issue 36 • TW

Mind-meltingly simple, strangely compulsive, sometimes dull crash-'em-up.

#### DIDDY KONG RACING

Nintendo/Rare © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 10 © JA





A massive adventure mode and three different vehicles. Not quite as good as MK though.

For a fast start, wait for the 'Get Ready' sign, then press the accelerator after it disappears and just before 'Go!'.

#### **DISNEY'S TARZAN**

Activision © £40 © 1 player © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 40 © MK

2D platformer completely bereft of imagination, invention or any sense of fun. Utterly odious.

#### WRETCHED

The worst games you can buy. Take your money elsewhere if they tempt you from the shop shelf...







#### WINNER!

Gawd bless the Queen, eh? What ho! Ryan Barnett from West Midlands is a right old patriot, as he's sent in his list of the top five greatest British moments in N64 gaming. A copy of THQ's spiffing No Mercy is his as



#### DONALD DUCK QUACK ATTACK

Ubi Soft © £40 © 1 player © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 49 © GE

Simple platformer executed reasonably well. Er, and that's about it.

#### **DONKEY KONG 64**

Rare • £60 (with exp pak) •
1-4 players • rumble pak •
expansion pak • Issue 36 • MG



It's Banjo-Kazooie+, but it's still gaming at its greatest. An absolutely awesome adventure.

Find all 20 banana fairies to activate all the cheats.

**DOOM 64** 

77% 2 GT ● £25 ● 1 player ● controller pak ● Issue 7 ● JA

Solid and workman-like but, up against Turok and GoldenEye, it looks dreadfully old hat.

#### **DUAL HEROES**

1 **50%** 

Bitwave/Hudson 🔵 £30 🔵 1/2 players © controller pak © Issue 17 © MK

Stashed full of innovative features, this is sadly ruined by some terrible AI. Shame, that.

#### **DUCK DODGERS**

Infogrames © £40 © 1/2 players © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 47 © MG 3

Let down by a duff camera, but otherwise a surprisingly decent Warner Bros platformer.

#### **DUKE NUKEM 64**

GT © £25 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © lssue 10 © TW





A commendably violent and vastly enjoyable conversion. A brilliant multiplayer game as well



At the main menu, press Left, Left, L, L, Right, Right, Left, Left (using the D-pad and shoulder button) to enable the cheat menu.

#### **DUKE NUKEM: ZERO HOUR**

GT 

£40 
1-4 players 
rumble pak 
controller pak 
expansion pak 
Issue 28 
MG





view, but the same great gameplay. Not perfect, but when it's good, it's very good.

TOP TIP

Decapitate the fire hydrants and drink the nutritious water therein.

#### EARTHWORM JIM 3D

Virgin ● £40 ● 1 players controller pak ● rumble pak Issue 35 ● JB

It's Jim again, in 3D. Mediocre but enjoyably silly.

#### **ECW HARDCORE REVOLUTION**

Acclaim ● £40 ● 1-4 players controller pak ● rumble pak ● expansion pak ● Issue 39 ● MG

Fun rasslin', rubbish licence, dull characters.

#### **EXCITEBIKE 64**

Nintendo ● £45 ● 1-4 players controller pak ● rumble pak ● Issue 43 ● MG





Tip-top motocross action, with sublime handling that takes a leaf from Wave Race's book.



Hold L, Right-C, Bottom-C and A on the main menu, then enter BLAHBLAH on the cheat menu for big heads.

#### EXTREME G

Acclaim • £30 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • lssue 9 • TW





Impressive in its day with face-melting speed and beautiful tracks but somewhat displaced now.

Enter your name as RA50 and quit a race - you'll keep your race position.

#### EXTREME G2 (XG2)

3 35%

Acclaim • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • Issue 23 • JB



XG2 is considerably easier to play, better to look at, and sports a vastly improved multiplayer.

For all the bikes enter 3GP8ZKW76ZMW as a password.

#### F1 RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Ubi Soft ● £40 ● 1/2 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● expansion pak ● Issue 47 ● MK

Decent, realistic racer, but doesn't quite match the splendour of F1WGP.

#### **F1 POLE POSITION**

1%

Ubi Soft ● £25 ●

Good fun in places, but obvious flaws include horrendous pop-up and stop-dead banks.

#### F1 WORLD GP

Nintendo/Paradigm @ £30 @ 1/2 players • rumble pak • on cart • Issue 20 • JA





Astonishingly realistic, visually stunning racing sim that really shows off the N64's power.



Select exhibition and change D. Williams' surname to Vacation to access the hot and fast Hawaii circuit.

#### F1 WORLD GP 2

72%

Nintendo ● £40 ● 1/2 players● rumble pak ● on cart ● expansion pak ● Issue 32 ● JA

There's not enough new here.

#### FIFA 64

1 **39%** 

EA ● £25 ● 1-4 players ● controller pak ● Issue 2 ● TW

Like a rash. Only not as enjoyable.

#### **FIFA '98**

83%

EA • £30 • 1-4 players • controller pak (Issue 10 TW

There's promise here. Not perfect, but better.

#### FIFA '99

3 83%

EA • £40 • 1-4 players • controller pak • rumble pak Issue 26 • TW

The best FIFA game yet. It's no ISS '98 though.

#### **FIGHTERS DESTINY**

Ocean © £50 © 1/2 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 13 © JB





Gorgeous animation, likeable characters and a clever Master Challenge. In a very real sense our Tekken.



Enter the Master Challenge with any character, beat everyone, and you'll be able to select the Master as a playable character.

#### FIGHTING FORCE

Crave ● £40 ● 1/2 players rumble pak ● controller pak ● Issue 37 ● MG

Dreadful 3D Final Fight rip-off.

#### FLYING DRAGON

Interplay © £40 © 1/2 players controller pak © rumble pak Issue 27 © TW

Fairly enjoyable but instantly forgettable.

#### FORSAKEN

Acclaim • £50 • 1-4 players • rumble pak o controller pak o



A fabulous Descentstyle shoot-'em-up with great lighting and visuals. Weak multiplayer, though.

Press A, R, Z, Up on the D-pad, Top-C, Bottom-C, Bottom-C at the Start.

#### E-ZERO X

Nintendo ● £40 ● 1-4 players ● rumble pak ● on cart ● Issue 22 ● JP



The fastest racer on earth, and one of the most exhilarating four-player games you can buy.

TOP TIP GASPII

Konami ● £50 ● 1/2 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● Issue 22 ● TW

Complete all cups on all levels to access a random track generator.

We sprang out and punched it in the face.

#### **GAUNTLET LEGENDS**

**81%** 4 Midway ● £40 ● 1-4 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● expansion pak ● Issue 36 ● JB

Enjoyable update of creaky old classic. T'rific in multiplayer, dull on your own.

#### **GEX DEEP COVER GECKO**

22%

Crave © £40 © 1 player © rumble pak © controller pak © lssue 36 © MK

Another turgid Gex 'game' strikes like a nasty case of shingles. Leave it to die.

#### **GEX 64 ENTER THE GECKO**

**59**%

GT • £50 • 1 player • rumble pak o controller pak o Issue 21 o JP

This rough-around-the-edges 3D platformer isn't so much dreadful as painfully average.

#### GLOVER

**83**%

Hasbro @ £50 @ 1 player @

An inspired, superbly odd idea turns out to be a stonking, but hard, 3D adventure.

#### GOEMON 2

**69**%

Konami • £40 • 1/2 player • rumble pak • on cart • Issue 29 • JB

After the excellent Mystical Ninja 3D adventure, Goemon steps back to the days of the SNES for this average 2D platform romp. Disappointing.

#### **GOLDENEYE 007**

Nintendo/Rare ● £50 ● 1-4 players ● rumble pak ● on cart ● Issue 9 ● TW





Brilliant levels and scenery and a perfectly judged difficulty curve. About as good as it gets.



We've had tips and tricks for this game in just about every issue since it was released. Check out N64/12 and 14 in particular.

#### GT 64

67%

Ocean • £50 • 1/2 players • rumble pak • controller pak • Issue 17 • TW

Handles well, but it's slow, ugly and there's far too much pop-up. Not what we were hoping for.

#### HERCULES THE LEGENDARY JOURNEYS

**66**% 2 Titus © £40 © 1 player © rumble pak © controller pak © lssue 48 © AM

Fairly good Zelda clone, but with nowhere near as much depth. Shame.

#### HEXEN

**69%** 1 Midway © £30 © 1-4 players © controller pak © Issue 5 © JD

Fun in a retro kind of way but, in the light of GoldenEye, hard to recommend.

#### HOLY MAGIC CENTURY

71%

Konami 💿 £50 💿 1 player © controller pak © Issue 23 © MG

RPG which could have been better but for the tedious random battles and Americanised plot.

#### HOT WHEELS

**61%** 

EA • £40 • 1/2 players • rumble pak • controller pak • expansion pak • Issue 36 • JB

Big jumps, big speeds, big action! Er, well, sort of. Fun for a while at least

#### **HYBRID HEAVEN**

83%

Konami • £40 • 1 player • rumble pak • controller pak • expansion pak • Issue 33 • JB

Niggly sci-fi RPG, but a superb story and ingenious battle system pull it through.

#### HYDRO THUNDER

Midway ⊚ £40 ⊚ 1-4 players ⊚ rumble pak ⊚ controller pak ⊚ Issue 39 ⊚ JB

Fantastic sub-Wave Race water racer.

#### IGGY'S RECKIN' BALLS

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 19 © MK

Push Left or Right and watch the CPU opponents win every time. As dull as Chris Tarrant.

#### IN-FISHERMAN BASS HUNTER 64

Take 2 © £40 © 1 player © rumble pak © on cart © rumble pak on cart old Issue 34 o JB

A comprehensive package of all things angling.

#### INTERNATIONAL TRACK & FIELD 2000

Konami • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak o controller pak o expansion pak o Issue 41 o JB





Impressive update of the Olympic buttonbasher, with superb graphics and fingerknacking gameplay.



To avoid hand injury, wrap a velcro wallet around your hand and rub the buttons with your palm.

#### **ISS 2000**

Konami © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 46 © MK





Not a huge update, but ISS 2000, complete with an allnew career mode, is still a fantastic game.



Listen to your manager's advice to keep your RPG player on top form. Rest during training, too, else you'll soon get injured.

#### 64

Konami 🌢 £30 🖜 1-4 players 🔘 controller pak





An almost flawless game which could only have been bettered with the addition of real teams.



Super teams: At the title screen hold Z and press Up, L, Up, L, Down, L, Down, L, Left, R, Right, R, Left, R, Right, R, B, A. Release Z and press Start.

#### **ISS '98**

Konami 🌢 £40 🔵 1-4 players o controller pak o Issue 20 o MK



Enhanced and updated and, now more than ever. the finest football game in the world.



Bonus teams: At the Start screen press Up, Top-C, Up, Top-C, Down, Bottom-C, Down, Bottom-C, Left, Left-C, Right, Right-C, Left, Left-C, Right, Right-C, B, A, hold Z and Start.

#### JEREANY AACGRATH SUPERCROSS

**53**%

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 40 © TW

"As uninteresting as Anne Robinson." 'Nuff said.

#### JET FORCE GEMINI

Rare • £50 • 1-4 players • rumble pak on cart o



Wondrous marriage of stunning looks, hectic blasting and deep gameplay. Rare at their best - again.



You can pick up dead drone ammo and use it to replenish both the Plasma Shotgun and the Machine Gun. Handy, no?

#### KILLER INSTINCT

Nintendo/Rare 🔾 £20 🔾 1/2 players © controller pak © Issue 3 © MH

Great in its time, but who wants a 2D beat-'emup in the light of Tekken and even MK4?

#### KIRBY 64 THE CRYSTAL SHARDS

72%

Nintendo © £40 © 1 player © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 45 © AM

Repetitive and disappointingly unimaginative platforming with the marshmallow blob.

#### **KNOCKOUT KINGS 2000**

**82**% 1 EA • £30 • 1/2 players • controller pak • rumble pak • lssue 35 • TW

Unexpectedly entertaining boxing sim, complete with Mohammed Ali and create-a-player.

#### KNIFE EDGE

Nintendo 🗆 £30 💿 1-4 players • on cart • rumble pak • Issue 24 • JA

A light gun game when there isn't one. Dull.

#### EGEND OF ZELDA **OCARINA OF TIME**

1 player o rumble pak on cart Issue 24 JB





Simply the greatest game ever created. Utterly amazing. This must be one of your Desert Island Carts.

#### TOP TIP

Check out N64/24 for a guide on how to complete the first dungeon.

#### EGEND OF ZELDA MAJORA'S MASK

Nintendo • £40 • 1 player rumble pak o expansion pak on cart o Issue 49 o MG



Rich and inventive. with enough intricate puzzles and heartrending moments to blow your brain open.

Smash a pot near an owl statue for a red fairy, then warp to the same statue - the red fairy's back in the pot!

There's nothing quite like the taste of a sprite, is there? Which is why Tom Hager from Abingdon has sent in his list of the top five edible game characters...







TOFU (RESI 2)



(DIDDY KONG RACING)



THE SHEEP (SILICON VALLEY) COLUMN TO SALES

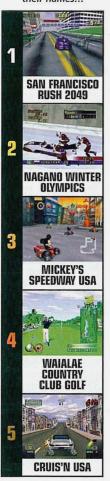
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TOAD (MARIO KART)



#### WHERE?

Who would have thought it? Sam Glover (yes, that's his real name) from Surrey has sent in a chart of the top five games with places in their names...



#### LEGO RACERS

70%

Lego Media © £40 © 1/2 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 36 © MK

Highly original Mario Kart clone with some nice ideas. Shame about the handling.

#### **LODE RUNNER 3D**

**70**%

Infogrames • £40 • 1 player • rumble pak • on cart • Issue 29 • JB

A retro puzzler with gameplay unchanged since the Commodore 64. There's plenty of it too.

#### LYLAT WARS

1%

Nintendo ● £30 ● 1-4 players ● rumble pak ● on cart ● Issue 8 ● JN



Not as perfect as it could've been (it needed a level select) but another tour-deforce for Shigsy.

four-player Tank and Expert modes.

MACE: THE DARK AGE

GT ● £30 ● 1/2 players ● on cart ● Issue 9 ● JB

Achieve gold on all levels for the

A highly competent fighter that'll tide you over 'til Capcom arrive on the scene.

#### **MADDEN 64**

EA © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © lssue 10 © IT





The first 64-bit outing for the Madden series is a great success but it looks a bit dated compared to NFL '99.

Madden super team: at the create player screen type AT(space)Madden.

#### **MADDEN NFL '99**

EA • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak o controller pak o expansion pak o Issue 23 o MK





This hi-res version plays just as well and also has a play editor, a practice mode and lots of new options.

Hidden team codes: THROWBACK, HAMMERHEAD, INTHEGAME.

#### MAGICAL TETRIS CHALLENGE

Activision ● £40 ● 1/2 players ● rumble pak on cart ● Issue 34 ● JB

Contemptible attempt to update Tetris with rubbish new shapes. Avoid, please.

#### MARIO GOLF

Nintendo • £40 • 1-4 players rumble pak on cart o
GB pak Issue 34 o MK





Not just a top-hole golf simulator, this is simply great fun for everyone. The plumber does it again.

Get all 108 birdie badges and play as Terminator Mario.

#### **MARIO KART 64**

Nintendo © £30 © 1-4 players controller pak © on cart © Issue 4 © JD





A fab multiplayer and you'll still be racing the one-player tracks long after you've beaten them.

Accelerate just before the light turns green for a super-fast start.

Nintendo ● £40 ● 1-4 players rumble pak ● on cart ● Issue 27 ● JN



Book an evening off, get some friends together and you'll have the most outrageous fun. Yup.

Eternal Star: complete all boards, earn 100 stars and visit the bank.

Nintendo ● £45 ● 1-4 players rumble pak ● on cart ● Issue 42 ● MG





Not much fun on your own, but find three friends and your in for one hell of a party.

Press L while on a board to hear vour character cheer.

Nintendo • £40 • 1-4 players rumble pak o on cart o transfer pak o Issue 47 o MK







Win the Star Cup with all the characters, then hold R while selecting your player to access the Rainbow Cup.

#### MICHAEL OWEN'S WLS 2000

THQ • £45 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • Issue 33 • MK

Silky smooth, goal-drenched football game, with real league teams. No ISS, mind.

#### MICKEY'S SPEEDWAY USA

Rare • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • on cart • Issue 50 • MG

Mario Kart clone that's short on innovation, but long on thrills.

#### **MICRO MACHINES 64 TURBO**





Classic multiplayer action for up to eight miniature racing fans sharing four controllers.

Don't take the shortcuts. Try to veer off the track and you blow up.

#### MILO'S ASTRO LANES

Interplay • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • on cart • Issue 26 • TW

'Stunningly dull'. Give it a miss.

#### MISCHIEF MAKERS

Nintendo/Treasure • £40 • 1 player on cart olssue 8 o JB



It's retro but it's totally rewarding. A perfect example of how to do 2D on the N64.

Check out our extensive guide in N64/12. You won't regret it. Nosiree.

#### MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

75%

Infogrames © £40 © 1 player © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 19 © TW

Horrendous AI, clunky engine and bad controls.

#### MK MYTHOLOGIES

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GT ● £Too much ● 1 player ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● lssue 11 ● JD

This could only be less enjoyable if it squirted sulphuric acid into your face.

#### **MONACO GRAND PRIX**

Ubi Soft • £40 • 1/2 players • rumble pak o controller pak o Issue 27 o JB



Not as deep or complex as Paradigm's F1 WGP, but a tyresquealingly good game all the same.

Remember to use your brakes on TOP TIP the corners!

#### MONSTER TRUCK MADNESS

Take 2 • £40 • 1/2 players • rumble pak • Issue 33 • JB

Okay-ish conversion of knackered old PC game.

#### MORTAL KOMBAT 4

84%

GT ● £45 ● 1/2 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● lssue 20 ● JP

The best version of MK vet.

#### MORTAL KOMBAT TRILOGY

GT • £40 • 1/2 players • rumble pak • controller pak • lssue 1 • TW

This is really poor. A wealth of options, cheats, extras and finishing moves can't save it.

#### MULTI RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Ocean/Imagineer 🔵 £30 💿 1/2 players 🔵 controller pak 🔘 Issue 8 O JD

The conversion job has done it no favours.

#### MYSTICAL NINJA

Konami • £50 •
1 player • controller pak •
Issue 14 • TW





With plenty to do, this sprawling, enjoyable adventure tries really hard to square up to Mario



If you're short of coins remember the pots regenerate if you go out the room and then come back in again.





Luge, bobsleigh, halfpipe, curling, they're all here and they're all extremely boring.

NASCAR '99

**59%** 1 EA ● £40 ● 1/2 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● lssue 23 ● MG

A tedious slog round a succession of oval tracks. Kind of like spinning round on a swivel chair.

#### **NBA COURTSIDE**

Nintendo • £20 • 1-4 players rumble pak © controller pak on cart © Issue 18 © MK



Fluid gameplay, sharp graphics and a simple control system make this the best basketball game ever.

Hold L while selecting a pre-season game to access the secret teams.

**NBA HANGTIME** 

GT ● £25 ● 1-4 players ● on cart ● Issue 6 ● JS

Two-on-two basketball gets very boring.

#### **NBA IN THE ZONE 2000**

Konami ● £50 ● 1-4 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● Issue 44 ● AM

Competent, but not as good as NBA Courtside 2.

NBA JAM '99

2

Acclaim • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • lssue 24 • MG

Not quite up to the standard of NBA Courtside.

#### NBA JAM 2000

80%

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 37 © MK

Smooth passing and a top create-a-player.

**NBA LIVE '99** 

4% 1 EA • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • Issue 24 • JB

The poor man's basketball game.

#### **NBA LIVE 2000**

65%

EA • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • Issue 38 • MK

Huge and difficult basketball game starring Michael Jordan. One for the fans.

NBA PRO '98

71%

Konami • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • Issue 14 • JP

An enjoyable multiplayer and lots of options.

NBA PRO '99

52% 2 Konami ● £40 ● 1-4 players ● controller pak ● Issue 27 ● JP

Painfully average

#### NFL BLITZ

GT • £45 • 1/2 players • rumble pak o controller pak o Issue 22 o MK



Arcade-style American football. Fast play with plenty of scraps and a customisable editor.

At the Matchup screen, tap in 2-0-3-Right for Big Head mode.

#### **NFL QUARTERBACK CLUB '98**

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © lssue 10 © TT



It's got the crucial NFL licence but doesn't quite manage to displace Madden. More for the purists.

TOP TIP

Check out our five-page guide to Yank-thrashing in N64/12.

#### NFL QBC '99

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 23 © MK





Incredibly realistic American footie sim featuring the best motion-captured animation ever seen.

TOP TIP

For fat players, enter MRSHMLLW. For constant injuries enter HSPTL.

NFL QBC 2000

Acclaim • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • expansion pak • Issue 36 • MK

Duff update. Stick with last year's version.

NHL '99

74% 3

EA © £50 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © lssue 22 © JP

Good but not great. Buy Wayne Gretzky instead.

#### **NHL BREAKAWAY**

**62%** 1 Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 14 © DM

Little excitement, nowt original. Gretzky's better.

#### **NHL BREAKAWAY '99**

2 **64%** 

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © lssue 24 © JB

Mildly diverting hockey sim: can't touch Gretzky.

NHL PRO '99

Konami 🔾 £40 🔾 1-4 players 🔾 controller pak Issue 27 JP

An above-average slice of ice-based hockey.

#### **NUCLEAR STRIKE**

82%

THO • £40 • 1 player • rumble pak • controller pak • expansion pak • Issue 39 • MK

Top notch update of classic 'copter game, with lashings of great missions.

#### OLYMPIC HOCKEY

GT @ £25 @ 1-4 players © controller pak © Issue 15 © MK

Cheap, cynical cash-in on a sporting non-event.

#### **OPERATION WINBACK**

83%

Virgin ● £40 ● 1-4 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● Issue 41 ● MK

Looks a bit ropey but full of stealth. Plays like a combination of GoldenEye and Metal Gear Solid.

#### PAPERBOY

**62%** 2 Midway • £40 • 1 player • rumble pak • controller pak • Issue 36 • MK

Pleasant enough rendition of a simple classic, but you'll complete it in minutes.

#### PENNY RACERS

**58%** 

THQ • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • Issue 25 • MK

Slow and boring, even when it speeds up. Dump.

#### PERFECT DARK

4

Rare • £50 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • on cart • expansion pak • transfer pak • Issue 42 • MK



Absolutely stunning. If you had to choose just one game for your N64, this would he it Unmissable

For small characters complete Area TOP TIP 51: Infiltration

#### PGA EUROPEAN TOUR GOLF

Infogrames © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 38 © MK

Looks dodgy but plays a very solid game. Serious golf fans should check it out.

#### **PILOTWINGS 64**

Nintendo • £20 • 1 player on cart o





A supreme example of how to harness the N64's immense potential. Absolutely stunning visuals.

The four Birdman Stars are hidden in New York's park, inside Arctic Island's waterfall, in a cave on Crescent Island and on the TIP bridge-shaped rock on Holiday island.

#### POKÉMON PUZZLE LEAGUE

Nintendo • £40 • 1/2 players on cart older



Top-notch tilematching with those loveable monsters. and the best puzzling to be had on the N64

Press L, R and Z on both controllers to TOP TIP unlock all the trainers in 2P Vs mode.

#### POKÉMON SNAP

80%

Nintendo @ £45 @ 1 player on cart o

Gorgeous photo-snapping safari on Pokémon Island - but only 63 monsters?

#### **NO-INKA**ï

The Tape of Destruction has many victims, particularly Richard Bove from Lanchester, who's sent us his chart of the top five N64 Magazine covers to remain unaffected by tape-ink removal.



JK AND IMPORT GAME LISTINGS •

## **LUGHOLE!**

Time to praise the underrated shell-likes of gaming's best characters. This one comes courtesy of Mark Polton from Purley. Thanking you kindly, Mark.



MARIO

(SUPER

MARIO 64)

#### **POKÉMON STADIUM**

Nintendo © £50 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © on cart © include rumble pak on cart o includ transfer pak lssue 41 o MG



Download your GB Pokémon to your N64, and battle them in glorious 3D. Tremendous fun.

To battle with Mewtwo, beat the Gym Leader Castle and get trophies in all 10 tournaments in Stadium Mode. Beat Mewtwo and you unlock a new game mode.

#### POWER RANGERS LIGHTSPEED RESCUE

THQ @ £40 @ 1/2 players © controller pak © Issue 52 © MG

Constipated puppet-men jerking their way around barren Lego-built cities. Dire.

#### PREMIER MANAGER 64

Gremlin 🔵 £40 🔘 1 player o on cart o Issue 31 o TW

By no means perfect but at times it's compelling and as the N64's only footie management sim, we have to recommend it.

#### **QUAKE 64**

79%

GT ● £25 ● 1/2 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● Issue 15 ● JP

Tidy new light sourcing, polygonal monsters, a lame two-player deathmatch and lots of blood.

#### **QUAKE II**

Activision • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak o controller pak o expansion pak o Issue 32 o MG





The one-player game is a little outdated but the multiplayer game is absolutely stunning.

TOP TIP For extra costume colours enter S3TC OOLC OLOR S??? as a password.

#### **RAINBOW SIX**

Take 2 • £40 • 1/2 players • rumble pak o controller pak o Issue 35 o TW





Complex, hard-asnails stealth-'em-up with one-shot kills and tactical planning.

#### Throw Flashbangs round corners to stun any waiting enemies. Then shoot them while they're incapacitated.

#### RAKUGA KIDS

Konami © £40 © 1/2 players © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 22 © MK

The most adorable characters in the world scrap it out in this 2D graffiti-'em-up.

#### RAMPAGE WORLD TOUR

GT © £45 © 1-3 players © controller pak © Issue 16 © MK

This conversion of the age-old arcade classic is fun but, ultimately, it's expensive and limited.

#### **RAMPAGE 2 UNIVERSAL TOUR**

Midway © £40 © 1-3 players © rumble pak ©

Utterly rancid arcade yawn-fest. One of the most tedious games you could waste your money on.

#### RAT ATTACK

70%

Mindscape © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 36 © JB

Simple, well executed puzzle-'em-up, with cats trying to catch rats. And that's it.

#### RAYMAN 2

73%

Ubi Soft ● £40 ● 1 player ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● expansion pak ● Issue 35 ● MG

Another armless and unlovable Ubi Soft character stars in another below-par Mario clone.

#### READY 2 RUMBLE

**81**%

Midway 🍩 £40 🖜 1/2 players 🌑 rumble pak o controller pak o Issue 37 o MG

Ploddy but enjoyably cartoony boxing romp.

#### **RESIDENT EVIL 2**

Virgin ● £40 ● 1 player ● rumble pak ● expansion pak ● Issue 36 ● MG



Super-scary, if shortlived, zombie finery. Looks the absolute business in

Kill the zombie near the police TOP TIP station for extra costumes.

#### RE-VOLT

73%

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 33 © MG

Better-than-average racing game.

#### **RIDGE RACER 64**

Nintendo © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 40 © MG





Stunning greatest hits package of the PlayStation games, topped with some exclusive N64 extras.

Keep the rev counter between 6,000 TOP TIP and 7,000 for a speed start.

#### **ROAD RASH 64**

THQ ● £40 ● 1-4 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● lssue 36 ● JB

Solid, entertaining but unspectacular.

#### ROADSTERS

Titus © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 36 © TW

Not perfect, but quick. Great.

#### **ROBOTRON 64**

75%

GT @ £50 @ 1/2 players @ controller pak © Issue 12 © JN

An entertaining update of the arcade game.

#### **ROCKET: ROBOT ON WHEELS**

Ubi Soft © £40 © 1 player © rumble pak © controller pak © lssue 36 © JB





The most original, inventive 3D platformer you'll play in a long time. Top grade.

give you new special abilities. ROGUE SQUADRON

Lucas Arts © £50 © 1 player © on cart © rumble pak © expansion pak © Issue 25 © TW

Collect Tinker Tokens and Tinker will



Rattlingly good Star 

Wars combat flight game, with incredibly effective 3D sound and great graphics.

Type in IGIVEUP to obtain a handy amount of lives – an infinite supply!

#### **RUGRATS IN PARIS**

THQ • £40 • 1-4 players • controller pak 
Issue 51 AM

A sparse but relatively enjoyable collection of cartoony minigames for the kids.

#### **RUGRATS TREASURE HUNT**

THQ • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • controller pak • issue 33 • MG

Dire rip-off of Mario Party. Crud.

#### **RUSH 2 EXTREME RACING USA**

GT @ £40 @ 1/2 players @ rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 24 © TW

You'll either love it or hate it.

#### SAN FRANCISCO RUSH

GT • £25 • 1/2 players • rumble pak o controller pak o

Gravity-defying leaps, rattling top speeds, mid-air multi-car pile-ups and tons of explosions.

#### **SAN FRANCISCO RUSH 2049**

Midway • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 48 © GE

Super-fast, car-





flipping futuristic racer with countless hours of exploration in it.

TIP

Rack up 100,000 points in the stunt mode and you'll open up an excellent new arena: Disco... Get down!

#### SCARS

79%

Ubi Soft ● £40 ● 1-4 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● Issue 23 ● MK

Kind of like a futuristic version of Mario Kart but there are several better alternatives out there.

SCOOBY DOO! CLASSIC CREEP CAPERS

23%

THR @ £40 @ 1 player © controller pak © Issue 53 © MG

Dire Resi rip-off that's abysmal in every sense of the word. Avoid.



Kemco ● £40 ● 1 player ● rumble pak controller pak ● Issue 31 ● JB

An old-school RPG that'll see you drifting into a deep slumber after about 20 minutes of play.

#### SHADOWMAN

Acclaim © £40 © 1 player © rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 32 © JB



Vast, believable worlds, a superb plot, serial killers and a dash of voodoo magic. Unmissable.



Once you've collected 100 Cadeaux, deposit them in the Temple of Life (in the Wasteland) for extra health.

#### SHADOWS OF THE EMPIRE

Nintendo/LucasArts 🍑 £40 🔘 1 player 🔵 on cart 🔍 Issue 1 🔘 JA

Fab snowspeeder and space-battles are ultimately let down by some lacklustre Doom-style bits.

#### SILICON VALLEY

Take 2 ● £50 ● 1 player ● on cart ● Issue 22 ● MK





The most original console game ever. A breathtakingly clever and supremely playable platformer.



On the 'monkey swinging' section on Jungle Doldrums, push Jump twice and you get extra distance on your leap. Handy!

#### SNOWBOARD KIDS

Nintendo/Atlus ● £30 ●
1-4 players ● rumble pak ●
controller pak ● Issue 14 ● JA





Mario Kart on ice. Technically a little ragged but still great fun. Check out the multiplayer!



On a long straight, hold jump for about five seconds to get a speed boost (your character will say 'yeah' if it's worked).

#### **SOUTH PARK**

Acclaim • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak o controller pak o expansion pak o Issue 25 o JA

Monotonous and basic first-person shooter.

#### **SOUTH PARK CHEF'S LUV SHACK**

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 36 © TW

Genuinely amusing Mario Party rip-off.

#### **SOUTH PARK RALLY**

Acclaim • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak O controller pak O expansion pak O Issue 38 O MG





Missions, computer bots and every South Park character you can think of. Great stuff!

Search Gayworld to dig out handy Mr Hanky Poo power-ups.

#### STARSHOT SPACE CIRCUS FEVER

Infogrames © £40 © 1 player © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 22 © JP

A 3D platformer that's been pre-dated by Banjo.

#### **STAR WARS EPISODE 1: BATTLE FOR NABOO**

THQ • £40 • 1 player • rumble pak • on cart • expansion pak • Issue 53 • GE

Rogue Squadron for the new millennium. A tasty shooter, but just misses the mark.

#### STAR WARS EPISODE 1: RACER

Nintendo • £50 • 1/2 players rumble pak on cart cerpansion pak lssue 53 GE



Blindingly fast future racer, with the kind of atmosphere you can only get in Star Wars games.

Hold Z when selecting Start Game to see your racer trading insults.

#### SUPERCROSS 2000

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EA • £40 • 1/2 players • rumble pak • controller pak • Issue 39 • JB

More-than-passable bike sim.

#### SUPERMAN

14%

Titus ● £40 ● 1-4 players ● rumble pak ● controller pak ● Issue 31 ● TW

DO NOT, repeat, DO NOT buy this.

#### **SUPER MARIO 64**

Nintendo ● £50 ● 1 player ● on cart ● Issue 1 ● ZN





Everything that's made previous Mario titles great, fleshed out into 3D. Second only to Zelda.

Sideflip and press A and B at the same time to make Mario belly flop.

#### **SUPER SMASH BROS**

Nintendo • £40 • 1-4 players o rumble pak o Issue 36 o MG





Beatifully playable, totally original Nintendo platform beat-'em-up. Smasher.

To pull off the super-useful Triple Jump, press Up twice, then Up and B.

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Infogrames © £40 © 1 player © on cart © Issue 43 © AM

Utterly hateful. Only slightly more involving than a Kevin Bacon convention, and just as ugly.

#### TETRISPHERE

Nintendo @ £20 @ 1/2 players © controller pak © Issue 13 © SJ

Confusing, complicated and frustrating.

#### THE NEW TETRIS

Nintendo ● £40 ● 1-4 players ● rumble pak ● Issue 33 ● MK



At last! The definitive non-GB Tetris game. Superb music, ace four-player ents.



Go for the gold blocks by placing four of the same pieces together. You're awarded with ten lines for every line you get rid of.



#### **GOREGEOUS!**

We so liked the title that West Midlands chap Aaron McWilliam gave his chart, we just had to include this list of the N64's most prettily scarletsplattered games...



## readers' top five

Your top five can be anything: your top five favourite characters, your top five favourite boss attacks, your top five favourite games featuring cheese, your top five favourite multiplayer moments, anything at all. The more creative and entertaining, the better!

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An N64 game of your choice! The reader with the best and most original chart

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#### OOH-ARR!

Roight, moi luvlies. That Tom Gillespie from over in Todmordern has sent in his top foive rural moments in N64 games. Moi old mate Jethro would be right proud...



#### THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH

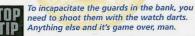
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EA/Eurocom © £40 © 1-4 players rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 49 © MG





Great Bond shooter: the true successor to GoldenEye. But niggly in places, and pales in comparison to PD.



#### **TIGGER'S HUNNY HUNT**

36%

Uhi Soft @ £40 @

Another tiresome Disney-themed platformer that even youngsters will loathe. Pooh.

#### TOM & JERRY: FISTS OF FURRY

Ubi Soft @ £40 @ 1/2 players © rumble pak © on cart © Issue 49 © GE

Duff cartoon scrapper. Without a four-player mode! Pants.

#### TONIC TROUBLE

55%

Ubi Soft @ £40 @ 1 player © controller pak © rumble pak © Issue 33 © MG

Occasionally fun, but more often dull and remarkably uninspired 3D platformer.

## TONY HAWK'S SKATEBOARDING

5% 5 Activision © £40 © 1/2 players © rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 41 © MK





Very playable skateboarding sim with the emphasis on tremendous stuntwork.



For a 10x trick multiplier, hold L at the pause menu and hit: Down, Right, Up, Right, Up, Left, Left-C.

#### TOP GEAR OVERDRIVE

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Nintendo © £45 © 1/4 players® rumble pak o expansion p on cart lssue 24 TW

Arcade-standard visuals adorn a racer that you so desperately want to love... but just can't.

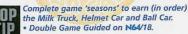
#### TOP GEAR RALLY

Nintendo/Boss @ £40 @ 1/2 players o controller pak o Issue 8 JD





Some of the fastest. most realistic driving ever to grace a computer game. Well designed tracks.



#### **TOP GEAR RALLY 2**

Kemco © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 38 © JB





Brilliant rally game with arcade handling. There's even a random track generator.



Stick with your chosen racing team for as long as you can to get the best possible upgrades for your car.

#### **TOY STORY 2**

71% 🙎

Activision @ £40 @ 1 player o rumble pak controller pak lssue 39 TW

Surprisingly good 3D platformer, with fun levels and sturdy puzzles.

#### **TUROK DINOSAUR HUNTER**

1%

Acclaim © £30 © 1 player © controller pak © Issue 1 © TW





Screen-filling dinosaurs, ludicrously bloody violence and some breathtaking weapons. Fantastic!



Type LKMBRD and use L and R to fly around the level. • Type NTHGTHDGDCRTDTRK for all cheats.

#### TUROK 2: SEEDS OF EVIL

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 21 © TW A breathtaking





follow-up to a superb original. Alongside Zelda, an essential purchase.

Enter BEWAREOBLIVIONISATHAND for access to all the in-game cheats.

#### **TUROK 3: SHADOW OF OBLIVION**

**82%** 

Acclaim @ £50 @ 1-4 players @ rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 46 © MG

Brilliant in places but plain tedious in others. No match for the sublime Perfect Dark.

#### **TUROK: RAGE WARS**



Acclaim @ £40 @ 1-4 players @ rumble pak o controller pak expansion pak Issue 35 o MG





The third Turok proves to be an immensely enjoyable deathmatch-based

TOP TIP

Search lava pits for goodies. Keep an eye on your health, though.

#### TWISTED EDGE

Nintendo © £40 © 1/2 players rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 24 © TW

An amateur snowboarding outing. Just competent.

#### **VIGILANTE 8**

74% 3

Activision ● £40 ● 1-4 players controller pak ● expansion pak Issue 28 ● JB

Average Twisted Metal clone.

#### **VIGILANTE 8 SECOND OFFENCE**

**69%** 

Activision © £40 © 1-4 players rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 40 © JB

Polished-looking but ultimately tedious update of last year's original.

#### **VIRTUAL POOL 64**

77%

Interplay © £40 © 1/2 players © controller pak © Issue 26 © MG

Surprisingly playable pool sim.

#### V-RALLY 99

90%

Infogrames © £40 © 1/2 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 22 © JA



Finally, the N64 gets an 'arcade' racer to compete with the PSX's best. Fast and furious, this is terrific.

Score 100% in Arcade mode to get TIP TIP access to two sets of secret cars.

#### WAIALAE COUNTRY CLUB GOLF

49%

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It's golf, but golf that looks like it's been through a meat processor.

#### WAR GODS

46%

GT @ £25 @ 1/2 players No backup Issue 7 JB

Once you've sampled all the character's delights, and the silly moves, the novelty soon dissipates.

#### **WAVE RACE 64**

Nintendo • £30 • 1/2 players • on cart • Issue 2 • ZN



Thoroughly realistic water effects and a scintillating twoplayer make this just as fun as MK64.

To race in the alternate colours, press up on the analogue while selecting your character. • DGG + no. 3 with issue 14.

#### **WAYNE GRETZKY'S 3D HOCKEY**

GT © £25 © 1-4 players © controller pak © Issue 6 © TW

For sheer whizz-bang, puck-zipping magic, Gretzky is hard to beat.

#### WAYNE GRETZKY'S 3D HOCKEY '98

GT © £25 © 1-4 players © controller pak (
Issue 16 (MK)

When all's done and dusted, is it really different enough to warrant buying? No.

#### WCW MAYHEM

78% 2 EA ⊕ £40 ⊕ 1-4 players ⊜ rumble pak ⊕ controller pak Issue 36 ⊕ MG

EA's first WCW game is lightning quick, but disappointingly lacking in moves.



#### WCW/NWO REVENGE

THQ ⊚ £50 ⊚ 1-4 players ⊚ rumble pak ⊚ on cart ⊚ Issue 22 ⊚ MG

Plenty of new characters and faster gameplay, but nowhere near as good as WWF Warzone.

#### WCW vs NWO WORLD TOUR

THQ © £50 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © lssue 12 © TW

A perfectly acceptable, technically solid beat-'em-up. Not quite Tekken, though.

#### WETRIX

74%

Ocean © £30 © 1/2 players © controller pak © Issue 15 © JP

Reasonably priced take on the age-old Tetris theme, with water and mountains.

#### **WIPEOUT 64**

Midway • £45 • 1-4 players • rumble pak • on cart • Issue 23 • TW





The trendiest future racer around finds its natural home on the N64. Looks and sounds terrific.

Airbraking on gentle bends can flip you: save it for the tightest turns.

#### WORLD CUP '98

73% T EA © £40 © 1/4 players © controller pak © Issue 16 © JA

Competent, licence-led but sluggish, frustrating and now with semi-automatic tackling. Hmm.

#### **WORLD DRIVER**

Midway/Boss © £40 © 1/2 players © rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 32 © JB





It might take you a while to get into but this is superb, with stunning visuals and well designed tracks.

Change car colour: press Z at the car select screen. See N64/34 for more.

#### ARMAGEDDON



Infogrames © £40 © 1-4 players rumble pak © controller pak © Issue 36 © MK





A brilliant conversion of the PC original, with fab multiplayer and random landscapes.

Complete training and one-player missions for new multiplayer options.

#### **WWF ATTITUDE**

Acclaim © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © issue 32 © MG





The closest you'll get to real wrestling on your N64. Check out the create-a-player mode - it's hilarious.



For extra costumes in create-a-player, wire a WWF title as Mankind in challenge or career mode under normal or hard difficulty.

#### WWF NO MERCY

THQ © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak transfer pak **o I**ssue 49 **o** AM





A huge improvement on already by far the best wrestling series, laden with options, intrigue and violence.

The sneaky way to win is the Ring Out. Trap your foe outside the ring and leg it back in when the count's nearly finished.

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A fantastic fat-fest with hi-res visuals, plenty of fighters, TVchucking and a fab create-a-player mode.

On the character biog, push down on the analogue to select other outfits.

#### **WWF WRESTLEMANIA 2000**

THQ • £40 • 1-4 players • rumble pak o controller pak o





When you pick up a weapon, slide back into the ring to keep it.

#### **XENA WARRIOR PRINCESS**

**81**%

Titus © £40 © 1-4 players © rumble pak © controller pak © expansion pak © Issue 36 © MG

Fast-paced, four-player beat-'em-up.

#### YOSHI'S STORY

Nintendo 🍥 £40 🌖 1 player 🌖 rumble pak on cart o





Surprisingly, a Nintendo game that lacks longevity. But it's amazing to play and beautiful too.



White Yoshi (3-2): When you find poochie vapping at a red pipe out of reach, go down the next one and look for the '?'.

#### Import releases (not yet out in UK)

64 O-SUMO

Bottom Up 💿 1/2 players 🕲 Issue 11 🍩 ME

AIR BOARDER 64 Human @ 1/2 players @ Issue 16 @ TW

**ALL STAR BASEBALL 2001** Acclaim 💿 1-4 players 🔘 Issue 44 🌖 AM

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Ah. Worldybloke. Everyone's favourite mascot, bless 'im. Gavin Lane from oldperson haven Worthing has sent in his list of the top five appearances of the world's favourite comedy planet.







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